Because The People Should Know! **LEGAL NOTICES** *Because the people should know!*

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan E. Lashley and wife, Melanie Lashley, to First Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, on the 27th day of October, 1995, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in OR Book 3-A, page 372, said mortgage being transferred and assigned to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation (formerly known as Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation) by instrument recorded in OR Book 5A, page 338 in the aforesaid Probate Office, the undersigned Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama, on the 5th day of February, 1998, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama:
A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the West line of the NE ¼ of the NW 1/4, Section 19, T3N, R20E intersects the centerline of Coffee County Road 474; thence in a Easterly direction along the centerline of Coffee County Road 474; 790.5 feet to a point; thence S 2 degrees 26 minutes E 40.0 feet to the South R.O.W. of said County Road 474 and the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 2 degrees 26 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N 87 degrees 34 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N 2 degrees 26 minutes W 210.0 feet to the South R.O.W. of Coffee County Road 474 thence S 87 degrees 34 minutes W along the South R.O.W. of said County Road 474; 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; Said property being located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 19, T3N, R20E and containing 1 acre more or less
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.
Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
Transferee
Harold H. Goings
Spain & Gillon, L.L.C.
2117 2nd Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203
Attorney for Transferee 1-8,15,22chg

NOTICE
CITY PRIVILEGE LICENSES ARE DUE
JANUARY 1, 1998
And Will Be Delinquent
FEBRUARY 1 1998
There Will Be A Penalty Fee Plus Interest Charged If Not Paid By Due Date!
Municipal Ordinances require that all persons engaged in any exhibition, trade, business, vocation, occupation, profession or calling or doing any action specified within the corporate limits /police jurisdiction of THE CITY OF ELBA are subject to a BUSINESS LICENSE.
CITY OF ELBA
DONNIE MORROW
CITY CLERK

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT
The public sale provided for hereinabove was postponed on December 29, 1997, by public announcement being made during the legal hours of sale before the Courthouse door, City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama. The foreclosure sale described hereinabove shall be held on January 19, 1998, during the legal hours of sale in front of the Courthouse door, Coffee County, Alabama.
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE, OR ITS PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, ON BEHALF OF VENDEE MORTGAGE TRUST 1995-1.
Holder of said Mortgage
Beth McFadden Rouse
McFADDEN, LYON & ROUSE, L.L.C.
718 Downtowner Boulevard
Mobile, Alabama 36609 1-3-chg

ESTATE OF
NELL ROWE EDMONDSON
DECEASED
PROBATE COURT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Robert Paul Edmondson
Personal Representative 1-8,15,22chg

ESTATE OF
FANNIE LOU WILSON
DECEASED
PROBATE COURT
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/Jim M. Wilson
Personal Representative 1-8,15,22chg

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Rankin Construction Company Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Alterations and Additions to Zion Chapel High School, New Brockton Elementary School, Kinston High School and New Brockton School for the Coffee County Board of Education Elba, Alabama. PSCA Project No. S016/X023 Project No. 9705 for the State of Alabama and Coffee County Elba, Al. Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Barnes & Ritchie Architects PC 207 Westgate Parkway, P.O. Box 604 Dothan, Al. 36302.
Rankin Const. Co.,Inc.
Rankin Const. Co.,Inc.
465 E. Selma St. Dothan, Al. 36301
1-8,15,22,29chg

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE
Default having been made in the terms of that certain real estate mortgage executed by Celia English, unmarried, to SouthTrust Bank of Covington County, dated June 22, 1993, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, in Mortgage Book 114-A, beginning at Page 134, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SouthTrust Bank, National Association, successor in interest to SouthTrust Bank of Alabama, National Association and SouthTrust Bank of Covington County, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1998, the following described property, to-wit:
One lot or parcel of land containing 1.268 acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 21, T5N, R28E, in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the 100 foot highway flare at the intersection of the SW right of way of County Road #25 (which runs Northwest to Elba) and the NW right of way of County Road No 215 (which runs Southwest to Ino Community) intersects the SW right of way of said County Road #25; thence South 2 degrees 32' West along the back of said flare 143.36 feet to the Northwest right of way of said county Road #25; thence south 50 degrees 49' West along the NW right of way of road 146.24 feet to a point; thence North 38 degrees 44 West 229.59 feet to a point; thence North 39 degrees 39' East 237.15 feet to the SW right of way of said County Road #25; thence South 41 degrees 38' East along the SW right of way of said road 168.8 feet to the point of beginning. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to a reasonable attorney's fee, as provided by the terms of said mortgage and the laws of the State of Alabama.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1997.
SOUTHTRUST BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MORTGAGEE
W. DAVIS MALONE, III, ESQ.
FARMER, FARMER, MALONE & SHERRER, P.A.
ATTORNEYS FOR
SOUTHTRUST BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
POST OFFICE DRAWER 668
DOTHAN, ALABAMA 36302
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12-18,25-1997, 1-1,8-1998-chg

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
BETTY SUE NUTTING
AND
CLARENCE LESTER NUTTING
HUSBAND AND WIFE
CASE NO: DB97-108
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
To: Mr. Clarence Lester Nutting
You are hereby notified that a complaint of divorce has been filed against you in the entitled cause and you have 30 days from1-8, 1998, to answer same, otherwise default may be entered against you.
Dated this 11th day of Dec., 1997.
/s/ Jim Ellis
Jim Ellis, Circuit Clerk
12-18,25-1997, 1-1,8-1998-chg

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Annette Cameron and Leslie D. Cameron to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an officer of the United States of America dated the 26th day of August, 1994, and recorded in Mortgage Book 324, page 128-131 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama, said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 1995-1, by instrument recorded in Misc. Book 72, page 105-106 of said Probate Court records, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the holder of said mortgage will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the 29th day of December, 1997, at the front door of the Courthouse of Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama, Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, the following described real property in the County of Enterprise Division, Coffee County, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:
Lot 5, Block E of Seventh Addition to Valley Hills Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 135, Probate Office, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, LESS AND EXCEPT the following described parcel of land: A triangular shape parcel of land, lying on the west side of Lot 5, Block E in the Seventh Addition to Valley Hills Subdivision, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said lot 5, Block E; thence S 3 degrees 07' W along said Lot 5, Block E, for a distance of 195.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said lot 5, thence N 89 degrees 44' E along the south boundary of said Lot 5 for a distance of 18.0 feet; thence N 2 degrees 08' W for a distance of 196.2 feet to the Point of beginning.
This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, mineral and mining rights and other matters of record recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama.
Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.
BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE, OR ITS PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, ON BEHALF OF VENDEE MORTGAGE TRUST 1995-1.
Holder of said Mortgage
Beth McFadden Rouse
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718 Downtowner Boulevard
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE
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PARCEL 1: A lot or parcel of land lying on the Southwest side of County Road No. 25 and being situated in the North half of the SW¼ of Section 21, T5N, R20E, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the 100 foot highway flare at the intersection of the SW right of way of County Road #25 (which runs Northwest to Elba) and the NW right of way of County Road No 215 (which runs Southwest to Ino Community) intersects the SW right of way of said County Road #25; thence South 2 degrees 32' West along the back of said flare 143.36 feet to the Northwest right of way of said county Road #25; thence south 50 degrees 49' West along the NW right of way of road 146.24 feet to a point; thence North 38 degrees 44 West 229.59 feet to a point; thence North 39 degrees 39' East 237.15 feet to the SW right of way of said County Road #25; thence South 41 degrees 38' East along the SW right of way of said road 168.8 feet to the point of beginning. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.
Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying said indebtedness and the expenses incident to the sale, including but not limited to a reasonable attorney's fee, as provided by the terms of said mortgage and the laws of the State of Alabama.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1997.
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NOTICE OE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE
Default having been made in the terms of that certain real estate mortgage executed by Celia English f/k/a Celia English Brown, to SouthTrust Bank of Covington County, N.A., dated July 31, 1991, and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Elba Division, in Mortgage Book 109-A, beginning at Page 82, and said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SouthTrust Bank, National Association, successor in interest to SouthTrust Bank of Alabama, National Association, and SouthTrust Bank of Covington County, N.A., will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Coffee County, in Elba, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1998, the following described property, to-wit:
TRACT NO. 1
Parcel No. 1: One lot or parcel of land containing 0.55 acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, in Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the Southwest corner of said forty, thence run North 87 degrees 13 minutes 41 seconds West 1319.28 feet; thence run North 3 degrees 2 minutes 17 seconds East 342.28 feet to the Knight Branch; thence along said branch in a northwesterly direction to point where said branch empties into Pea River; thence along the Southeast bank of Pea River in a southwesterly direction to the West line of the SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 20 East; thence leaving said river bank and running south 5 degrees 33 minutes 20 seconds West 268.65 feet; thence running South 83 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds East 1195.60 feet; thence running South 51 degrees 7 minutes 41 seconds East 70.89 feet; thence North 3 degrees 6 minutes 41 seconds East 644.43 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 31 seconds East 1292.42 feet, more or less, to the Northwest right of way line of the Old Thomas Mill Road (sometimes referred to as the road running to Sand Hill, Alabama); and thence running in a northeasterly direction along the Northwest right of way line of said road to the point of beginning. The lands described hereinabove contain, in the aggregate, 177 acres, more or less.
LESS AND EXCEPT the 1.00 pond site which is located in the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the West line of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 15, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, intersects the Southwest right of way line of the Elba-Enterprise Paved Highway (U.S. 84), and running thence in a southeasterly direction along said Southwest right of way line a distance of 154 feet to point on said right of way line, being the point of beginning of the parcel herein conveyed; thence from said point of beginning continuing in a southeasterly direction along said right of way line a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence running South along a line parallel with the West line of said forty a distance of 200 feet to a point; thence running in a northwesterly direction along a line parallel with the Southwest right of way line of said highway a distance of 100 feet to a point; and thence running in a northerly direction along a line parallel with the West line of said forty a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.
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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.
EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 8, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall to hear a request from Sybil J. White Scott to place a doublewide trailer on a lot belonging to her located at 820 E. Davis Street. The property is currently zoned R-2 and is described as follows:
A lot or parcel of land containing one-half acre, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NW1/4 of SW1/4 of Section 15, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the West line of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 15, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, intersects the Southwest right of way line of the Elba-Enterprise Paved Highway (U.S. 84), and running thence in a southeasterly direction along said Southwest right of way line a distance of 154 feet to point on said right of way line, being the point of beginning of the parcel herein conveyed; thence from said point of beginning continuing in a southeasterly direction along said right of way line a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence running South along a line parallel with the West line of said forty a distance of 200 feet to a point; thence running in a northwesterly direction along a line parallel with the Southwest right of way line of said highway a distance of 100 feet to a point; and thence running in a northerly direction along a line parallel with the West line of said forty a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning.
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JOINT INVESTIGATION MAY LEAD TO SOLVING OF MORE THAN 40 AREA BURGLARIES

Elba PD takes the lead in 4-county burglary investigation

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney Mark Fuller held a joint news conference last Friday, January 9, at the Elba Police Department praising area law enforcement for their cooperation.

Fuller noted that during the months of November and December, the counties of Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Covington have had more than 40 burglaries.

The investigation into several local burglaries in the Elba area intensified on December 23 when Elba Police Chief R. W. "Ronnie" Whitworth, and members of his department, received a tip from an informant.

Upon receiving the information from the "tipster," Chief Whitworth notified the D. A.'s office and a joint investigation was begun bringing in the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and several other agencies.

On display in the conference room of the Elba Police Department was a large assortment of guns, jewelry, televisions, other electronic equipment, collectables, etc., most of which is believed to be stolen property.


Chief R. W. Whitworth

To date, three individuals have been arrested and charged in connection with the burglary investigation. They are: Jerry Jay Bradshaw, 21, of Route 4, Elba, who is charged with two counts of burglary in the first degree; Antonio Smith, 24, of Elba, who also faces two charges of burglary in the first degree; and Jeffery Pouncy, 23, of Enterprise, who is charged with one count of burglary in the first degree.

There are also charges pending in Geneva County where Smith and Bradshaw were initially arrested during a surveillance originating in Coffee County.

A search warrant was executed on January 8 at a residence near Geneva, AL and several items (guns, jewelry, etc.) were found that were consistent with some of the items believed to have been stolen in burglaries occurring in the four-county area.

During the execution of a search warrant at a residence near Elba, additional items were recovered which were believed to be stolen property.

"These officers have worked real hard together," commented Chief Whitworth. "We've had officers from the sheriff's department and police department digging through garbage cans and trash that no one else would have probably looked at."

The chief praised the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force. "They have been involved in it from day one and they have done a lot of the leg work on this stuff," he said.

Chief Whitworth hopes that the investigation will soon be completed and he anticipates other arrests will be made.

He also believes that additional items believed to be stolen will be recovered as the investigation continues.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates praised the cooperation between the different departments involved in the investigation.

"The cooperation - sharing information with one another - is what it takes to get the job done," said Sheriff Moates.

Covington County Sheriff Wilbur Mitchell, who was at the press conference, also had high praise for the cooperation of the different departments involved in the investigation.

District Attorney Fuller asked that anyone who has had a burglary within the last few months, or one that occurred longer ago and has not been solved, contact Lt. Freddy Hancley with the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

Lt. Hancey, who is custodian of the evidence that has been collected, will arrange for the victims to view the items that have been recovered.

Any items identified by victims will be set aside and so marked; however, until the case is settled, the evidence will have to remain in the custody of the police.

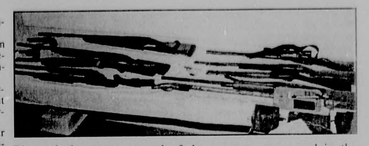
When asked to estimate a value of the items recovered, Fuller said, "I would not even hazard a guess."

He added, "I think that what we have is just a fraction of what has been taken in all these burglaries.

"I don't want to say that all of the 40 burglaries are interconnected. There is probably a lot of the burglaries that are not related to the individuals we have in custody, but obviously, the property that we have recovered that we know are related to those people include a lot of different people than just the two burglaries these two individuals have been arrested on."

Fuller also encouraged any individual or individuals who have purchased items believed to be stolen should notify his office at 347-1142 or local authorities.

At the time of the press conference, all of the individuals that have been arrested are still in jail either in Coffee County or Geneva County.


Pictured above are several of the weapons recovered in the four-county burglary investigation. **(Another picture is located inside on Page 2)**

THRE EMPLOYEES' YEARS OF SERVICE TOTAL 88 YEARS

County Commission honors retiring employees

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

The Coffee County Commission honored three of its retiring employees during Monday's bi-monthly meeting.

Prior to the presentation of formal resolutions commending the retirees, Commission Chairman Robert Stephens commented, "They have given more than years of service to the citizens of Coffee County. They have given of themselves."

Nell Harvison, chief clerk of the Probate Office, is retiring after 42 years of service. She has worked for four different probate judges during her employment - the late J. O. English, James Sawyer, Marion Brunson, and the present probate judge, William O. Gammill.

James Robert Davis, a motorgrader operator with the county's highway department, is retiring after 28 years of service.

The chief clerk in the Revenue Commissioner's Enterprise office, Betty Anderson, is retiring after 18 years of service.

Sheriff Ben Moates addressed the commission concerning new car purchases for his department.

He noted that funds for one new car had been appropriated in the FY-98 budget and matching funds ($5,650.00) had been budgeted for another new vehicle for the department's representative on the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

However, Sheriff Moates informed the commissioners that no funds from the drug task force via grant monies would be available for new car purchases.

He stated that cars are desperately needed in order for his department to have dependable transportation.

The sheriff told commissioners that on a recent trip to Florida to pick up a prisoner, the deputy's car "quit" and both he and the prisoner had to be brought back to the county by a towing company along with the patrol car.

Moates proposed that an additional $16,850 be added to the $5,650 to go toward the purchase of a new car.

Commissioners asked the sheriff to be prepared to present purchase options to them at the next commission meeting.

County Engineer Randy Tindell requested that commissioners sign three resolutions that will move the process the entering into an agreement with the state highway department for the paving and widening of Co. Rd. 206; another to request the Federal Highway Administration to reclassify Co. Rd. 349 as a main connector road qualifying it for federal funds; and the final one was to initialize the basing and paving project of Co. Rd. 711 with the state highway department. All three were approved by the commission.


Pictured above are (l-r): front row - Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, Nell Harvison, and N. L. Harvison; back row - former Probate Judge James L. Sawyer, former Probate Judge Marion B. Brunson, and Probate Judge William O. Gammill.

In other highway department business, Tindell informed the commissioners that the "Free Road" in the Basin Community has been certified as meeting all the provisions for being accepted into the county maintenance program.

The commissioners voted to accept the road and designate it as an extension of Co. Rd. 420.

Tindell recommended the adoption of filing and inspection fees pertaining to the county's subdivision regulations. They are: $50 - filing fee and 25¢ per linear foot of the centerline of the road. The commission approved the fees.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley asked that commissioners approved the transfer of $3,004 from the county's general fund to the sheriff's fund.

He noted that the sheriff had overpaid the county for the housing and feeding of inmates in the county jail.

All commissioners, except Chairman Stephens, voted in favor of the transfer. He noted that he needed more information concerning the money before he could cast a favorable vote.

Mobley commented that he would be glad to get with the chairman and explain the matter in detail after the meeting.

During the general business session of the meeting, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple commented that he would like for the commission to adopt a new policy concerning attendees addressing the commissioners during a meeting.

He noted that at the present time an individual has to be on the agenda in order to address the commission. He expressed a desire to allow anyone wishing to do so to be allowed speak on any subject already being discussed by the commission.

Dalrymple made his recommendation in the form of a motion. It died for the lack of a second.

Commission Chairman Stephens and Commissioner Bernest Brooks noted that provisions were already in place for this to take place.

Under the present policy - Robert's Rules of Order - the commission chairman can allow anyone to have the floor if he so desires or the commission, as a body, can vote to suspend the rules and allow anyone not on the agenda to address the commission if they choose to do so.

The next bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 26, in the Community Room located in the Farm Complex in New Brockton, AL.

Other actions taken by the commission were as follows:

***Approved up to $50 per body allowance to the county coroner's office to pay for the transportation of bodies to the county morgue.

***Approved applying for grants ($200,000 total) to build senior citizens' centers in the Damascus and New Hope communities.

***Approved applying for any grants for improvements to any of the county's water systems that meet the necessary requirements.

***Voted to send out bid invitations on electronic voting machines. The number of machines bid will be adequate enough to supply all voting precincts in the county.

***Commissioner Linda Westbrook noted that the Jack Water Authority has approved extending their system to include Co. Rd. 219.

***Approved the re-appointment of a parks and recreation board for rural Coffee County. The first board appointed in 1993 was not active.

***Voted to appropriate $500 to the Wiregrass Food Bank.

NOTICE
The offices in Elba's City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. Emergency crews will be on standby for the water & electric and street departments. They can be reached by calling 897-2555. Garbage pickup schedules will not change.
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY!

* * HAPPENINGS * *

HOLIDAY CLOSING The New Brockton Town Hall offices will be closed Monday, January 19, 1998, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Garbage collection will not change.

DEMOCRATS MEETS The Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Saturday, January 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom of the Elba Courthouse.

REPUBLICANS MEET The Coffee County Republican Women will meet Wednesday, January 21, 1998, at 11:30 a.m. at Po Folks Restaurant located on the Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise. The business meeting will follow lunch at 12:00 noon. Guest speaker for the event will be Amelia Poole, past president of the Coffee County Republican Women. Her topic: "Coffee County Republican Women in the early days."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BANQUET The annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1998. The banquet will be held at the Elba High School. The guest speaker for the event will be novelist and screenwriter Robert "Bob" Inman. For additional information concerning the banquet contact the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

City Of Elba receives $105,960 grant for PD

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with all members present. Mayor James Grimes presided over the meeting.

In this first meeting of 1998, the council approved the receipt of a $105,960 grant for the police department, taking bids on a new police car, buying a truck for the fire department, some new equipment for the vehicle maintenance shop and adopted an ordinance to control rundown buildings within the city limits.

They also heard Police Chief R. W. Whitworth report on the breaking of a large local burglary ring operating in at least a five county area.

Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers updated the council on the fire insurance improvement plan.

The nuisance ordinance designed to control run-down buildings calls for the establishment of a five member committee, one from each council district. This committee will set guidelines and present their findings to the city council. The council will then take the appropriate action. Property owners who disagree with the findings may still take their case to the county court system if they choose.

City Attorney Jeff Kelley said this ordinance closely follows state law and is already in use in other Alabama communities.

The council voted to seek bids on a mid-size car for use by the police investigators. Mayor Grimes said the present vehicles is costing a lot in repair costs and would be parked when the new car is purchased.

Whitworth told council members of the cooperative effort between several area law enforcement agencies which led to the breaking of a large burglary ring and the arrest of several people. The evidence indicates involvement in at least five counties. He said other felony arrest would be forthcoming in this case.

The $105,960 COPS grant is to hire two additional policemen on a three year 75-25% matching program. Mayor Grimes said he has requested the grant be increased to cover the full 100% of the officers salary and is expecting approval.

There are now six Elba police officers who are paid on some special grant program.

Whitworth recommended and the council approved the hiring of Paul Sanders and Nelson May for these positions. Sanders has been working with Elba on a part-time basis for the past two years and May is a 23 year veteran of law enforcement. Both men will begin work immediately.

Grimes said he appreciated the work of the police department. He feels they are doing a good job and is proud they are working well with other agencies.

Council member Winzel Gray spoke up and said the people in the community are proud because when the call the police department, they get a response immediately.

A revised flood prevention ordinance was presented to the council for review. It will be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

Monthly bills totaling $17,504.76 were approved for payment. Included in this was $2,355.72 for vehicle repair; $2,554.31 for construction of recreation facilities; $1,743 for pest control in all city buildings and $2,917 for recreation department uniforms.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow requested permission to seek bids on resurfacing Reddock Hill Road. It was approved, but the council member Ben Carpenter voting no. Estimated cost of this work is $23,000 and will be paid from the gasoline tax fund, if bids are accepted.

The council also approved the purchase of shop equipment and conversion of all vehicles from the old R12 freon to the new R134 coolant. Government regulations have banned the further production of the old R12 gas. This is estimated to cost about $3,000, but the new gas will cost only $5.00 per pound, compared to the present cost of $23.00.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Several area law enforcement agencies were involved in a search for four runaway youths in the Perry Store Community Tuesday. A van was discovered by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies late Monday night in the area. It was later discovered that the van was believed to have been driven to the area by four runaways from Henry County. Several burglaries occurred in the area during the night and up in the morning. four young boys were spotted by a resident reportedly attempting to steal a four-wheeler. Sheriff's deputies were called and after a nearly two-hour chase, the four were caught. Assisting Coffee County were police, sheriff's deputies, and state troopers from Elba, Kinston, Opp and Covington County. The juveniles were taken to the sheriff's office to await authorities from Dale County where the van was reportedly stolen.

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An Elba man, Darriel Riley, 44, of Route 5, Box 194, has been arrested and charged with rape in the first degree involving a minor child. He was arrested on November 1, 1997, placed in the Coffee County Jail, and later released on a $7,500 bond. He was indicted by a grand jury on December 17, 1997. Riley remains free on the initial bond. No trial date has been set at this time.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A man in New York proposed to his girl friend by getting someone to customize the crossword puzzle in the daily paper. Apparently she was a regular with the crossword and when she got to 56 across, it was "Will you marry me?" the puzzle included her first name, his first name, "this diamond ring" and the clincher was 57 down,, which to complete the puzzle had to be "Yes." It was and she did!

It should be refreshing to know that five different teams of astronomers, working independently, have decided the universe will grow and not collapse into one of those black holes from which science fiction writers and others say even light can't get away from. Therefore you can still plant those trees which won't mature until hundred years from now, because the world will still be here, according to what these folks told the American Astronomical Society last Thursday. The "Big Crunch" will not happen the studies show.

We join with Mayor James Grimes in his favorable comments about the cooperation of the Elba police department and other agencies which resulted in the breaking of the burglary ring operating in this five county area. Combining efforts is always better than spending half or more of the time defend "my turf," or "my area of responsibility." We commend Chief Whitworth, his department and all the others who are still working this case, even as you read this.

The Alabama Legislature went back into session this week. Being an election year, efforts will be made to give all things to all people, even though there isn't money to pay for all that stuff. Reports are that Governor Fob James will propose three bond issues. One will be for schools and you can bank on teachers getting a pay raise … it is election year and the teacher lobby controls a lot of votes, both in the legislature and in the hills and branch heads across Alabama. The highway construction bond issue will also come back again, probably with some changes to help get it passed. The third will be a bond issue to upgrade Alabama parks. Our prediction … the school bond issue will surely pass, the highway bill construction issue is possible, but the parks matter is still bad up in the air and can get lost in the political scrambling.

The political "sewage" spouting from the mouths of vote seekers will get real bad during the next few months. Actually it has already started. Our mail box and fax machine are already getting more mail badmouthing some elected official or deplorable condition. Some of these claims will be right, but it will take a sharp eye and mind to sort the truth from the garbage.

There are already political candidates announcing plans for state offices. We have heard no announcements for local offices, but there will be some within the next week or so, we can almost promise. Last Thursday Alabama Supreme Court Justice Terry Butts was back in Elba for a funeral and later said he would not at this time be a candidate for governor, even though supporters were still encouraging him to move forward with his plans. Wife Suzi wasn't even interested in talking politics, she was busy getting information about different friends she hadn't seen lately. That probably tells us more than Terry's statement, because when Judge Butts is politicking, Suzi spends 24 hours a day helping him.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow has asked that homeowners start putting their garbage pick-up cart out to the street the night before pick-up is scheduled. Earlier pick-up is being planned to help cut down on congestion on busy streets.

When Elba council member Ben Carpenter made the motion to take bids on a new police car, we almost had that *"big one"* made famous by TV star Fred Sanford! Ben repeatedly says Elba has too many vehicles on the road, but this time he was assured an older car would be parked and later sold at a spring auction.

Police Chief Ronnie Whitworth asked us to remind our readers to be sure and record serial numbers on any machinery or equipment which has such a number, in case it is stolen. Hs explained that unless this number is recorded, or the equipment marked somehow, it can rarely be recovered, because you can't prove it is yours.

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The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED! A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, Al. 36323.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JANUARY 5 Thru JANUARY 11, 1998

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 5, 1998, investigated the following incidents: two harassments, three burglaries, four thefts of property, one DUI, and one driving while driver's license is revoked.

The following arrests were made: two for theft of property, two for criminal trespass, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued were as follows: seven for speeding, one for reckless driving, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, JANUARY 5 - River stage - 8.45 feet (6:00 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 - River stage - 13.04 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (5:09 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 - Alarm in downtown area (4:15 a.m.); River stage - 10.95 (6:03 a.m.); Burglary at Ford Tractor Company on Caroline Street (6:03 a.m.); Burglary at Lee Construction Company on Hickman Ave. (6:43 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Teresa Street (8:38 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 - River stage - 16.78 feet (6:00 a.m.); Wreck reported on Smith Avenue (6:50 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 - Prowler reported on Smith Avenue (12:25 a.m.); River stage - 13.51 feet (6:00 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 - Alarm at The Jewel Box (1:21 a.m.); Burglary reported at Taylor Grocery on Caroline Street (3:16 a.m.); Possible wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (5:38 a.m.); River stage - 12.38 feet (6:23 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (9:58 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to wreck on AL Hwy. 18S (2:47 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 - River stage - 11.93 feet (6:11 a.m.); Shots reported fired near levee just off Reese Avenue (4:18 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Drive (11:57 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 6, 1997 through January 12, 1998. They were: Hilton Mitchell, Gerry Lambert, Coley Smith, Anna Stinson, Lue Head, Maggie Head, Donnette Hall, Ruby Gray, Johnny Faulkner, Elizabeth Williams, Tawana Adams, Shawana Adams, Jewel Youngblood, Don Spivey, Samuel McWaters, Ashley Boswell, Susan Sanders, Mary Reeves, Minnie Matthews, Jamie Sanders, Ethel Abercrombie, Marilyn Byrd, Ethel Nolin, Dorothy Hussey, Lillian Pynes, Carol Harbuck, Cynthia Lewis, Mary Reeves, Holly Fillingim, Shirley Johnson, Chadney Johnson, and Henry Chestnut.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Tawana Adams, Shawana Adams, Minnie Matthews, Charles Pitt, Lyndell Carter, Ashley Boswell, Mary Reeves, Jewel Youngblood, Ronnie Parker, Jamie Sanders, Jeanna Barlow, Ethel Abercrombie, Hilary Davis, James Cupps, Hudson Ennis, Allen Johnson, Gerry Lambert, Mary Agnes Mack, Anna Stinson, Bonnie Johnson, Joshua Magwood, Ora Kelley, Johnny Faulkner, Willie Chism, Robert D. Bradshaw, Maggie Head, Malik Smith, Donnette Hall, Lue Head, and Coley Smith.

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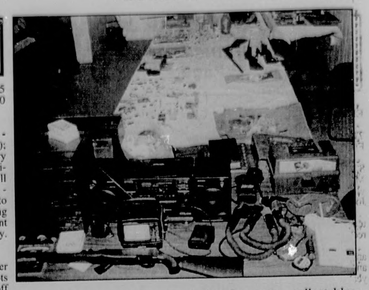
MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues.- 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m.- City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m.- City Hall
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m.- Supt. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 170 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER Mon-Fri - 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat - 1 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed -Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Driscoll hanger



Pictured above are other items (jewelry, guns, collectables, electronic equipment, etc.) that have been recovered during the investigation.

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for the older gas.

No action was taken on the purchase of a tire changer and wheel balancing machine. This matter will be studied and addressed at a later date.

Morrow told council members the garbage pick-up schedule will be adjusted to get more of the pick-up done in the early hours of the morning, before the streets get congested with motorist. He urged all residents to put their garbage out the night before the scheduled pick-up date.

Fire Chief Driggers presented council members with copies of a study made of the fire fighting capabilities in the City of Elba. The work was done in preparation of getting Elba fire insurance rates dropped from a Class Six to a Class Five or hopefully to a Class Four. Elba moved from a Class Ten in 1958 to a Class Six in 1989, missing movement to Class Five by less than two points.

The council approved the purchase of a used emergency truck at a cost of $22,000 for the fire department. It will replace two present vehicles and will better serve the purpose of the department and help improve the fire rating. The money will come from the tobacco tax fund.

Plans are to purchase a new pumper truck in 1999, Driggers said.

Mayor Grimes Elba has received a $11,220.74 annual check from the state trust fund interest. This money can be used for capital improvements only.

He also announced bids were being collected on the city's insurance and workman's comp.

Elba City BOE meeting routine

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board meeting opened last Thursday evening with a review of the monthly financial statement.

Myrna Cowen presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman Aubrey Williams.

Superintendent Charles Pearce explained the deficit in the foundation program would continue until the local match funds of $146,000 are transferred to that account. He explained this would come from the Coffee County District E property taxes.

All other accounts were normal, according to Pearce, including the child nutrition program (CNP) which tries to maintain a balance of about a two months operating budget to cover planned food purchases.

Pearce noted the school system hasn't had to draw on any of the $60,000 loan approved by the school board. He said the system could make it until at least March without borrowing any money, by borrowing from the Capital Projects Account reserve, thus saving interest cost.

The new bus barn, or transportation facility, is completed and is being used, board members were told. The staff is in the process of moving equipment and supplies from the old Mulberry school to the new facility. Sorting and completely moving the needed equipment and disposing of the balance will take several months, Pearce predicted.

There are many old desks and other unneeded pieces of equipment which must be sold, probably by public auction, board members were told.

The much delayed softball and baseball fields are neared to completion, but wet weather continues to delay the work. The lights are installed and the rye grass is growing, but wet ground has delayed any further work.

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman

Terry Everett

Top Tax Changes for the New Year

When Americans recently rang in the new year, they had more to celebrate than another 12 months. Effective January first are a host of tax reforms which will allow most taxpayers to keep more of their own money to raise children, save for the future, and even pay for a child's education.

Here's part one of a recap of the top tax changes for 1998 according to the House Ways and Means Committee.

A $400 a Child Tax Credit is now available to families with children under the age of 17. The full $400 credit applies to single filers with adjusted gross incomes less than $75,000 and joint filers with incomes less than $110,000. For higher income families, the credit is reduced by $50 for each $1,000 of income.

Looking at an example: For 1998, a family with three children (ages 16, 14, and 12) earning $40,000 a year and owing $4,000 in federal income taxes will now receive a $1,200 tax credit — reducing their overall tax burden by 30%.

Also, a similar family earning $30,000 a year and owing $2,500 in taxes will also receive the $1,200 tax credit — reducing its tax burden by 48%. Some 48 million children and their families will benefit from this new tax credit. The child tax credit will increase to $500 a child on January 1, 1999.

Education Tax Relief will now go to families in the amount of $1,500 in tax credit for each of the first two years of a child's post-secondary education, or a $1,000 tax credit for any year of a child's post-secondary education, including vocational school. Some seven million students will be affected by this tax relief. Additionally, taxpayers will be eligible for $1,000 in interest deductions to help them repay college loans.

And for the first time, money can be withdrawn without penalty from individual retirement accounts (IRAs) for undergraduate, post-graduate, and post-secondary vocational education expenses. Also, Educational Savings Accounts have been created to allow annual $500 a child contributions which can be withdrawn tax free for qualified post-secondary educational expenses. Various income limits apply.

No Capital Gains Taxes on Home Sales will go into effect for the first full year for most Americans. The first $500,000 of gain on the sale of a home for a joint filer was made tax-free effective May 7, 1997. Also, 1998 is the first full year of lower capital gains taxes — down from 15% to 10% for Americans in the fifteen percent tax bracket, and down from 28% to 20% for all other taxpayers. An estimated fifteen million Americans report capital gains income each year.

Next week, I'll continue this list covering such new tax changes as expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts, relief from death taxes, and making health care more affordable for millions of America's small businessmen and women.

****** NOTICE ******

IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County will be closed on Monday, January 19, 1997

Regular Banking Hours Will Resume Tuesday, January 20

The Peoples Bank
of Coffee County

Elba Member FDIC New Brockton

AREA DEATHS

EDWIN WALKER COOPER SR.

Mr. Edwin Walker Cooper, age 71, of Elba, died Jan. 6, 1998, at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Elba United Methodist Church, with Revs. Marvin Ennis, George Sedberry and John Bryan officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Cooper was a native of Elba and Coffee County, a Navy veteran, and a retired rural mail carrier of 30 years.

He was preceded in death by a son, Edwin W. Cooper Jr.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to Elba United Methodist Church or Evergreen Cemetery Fund.

Survivors include his **wife:** Nona Braswell Cooper, Elba; a **son** and **daughter-in-law:** Tommy and Stacey Cooper, Birmingham; a **daughter:** Sheryl Cooper, Greenville, Ga.; two **grandsons:** Brennan Cooper and Chase Cooper, Birmingham; two **brothers:** Robert Cooper, Elba; and Dr. Bancroft Cooper, Enterprise.

JOE WAMBLE

Mr. Joe Wamble, age 82, of Daphne, died Jan. 9, 1998, at Thomas Hospital in Fairhope.

Graveside services and burial were held Jan. 11, 1998, at 3 p.m. in Hillcrest Memorial Garden in Elba, with Dr. Tony Dye officiating, and Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his **wife:** Frances Holley Wamble, Daphne; two **daughters:** Georgia White, Mobile; and Sara Martin, San Antonio, Texas; two **sons:** Howard Wamble, Mobile, and Luther Wamble, Daphne; a **brother:** Jake Wamble, Mobile; **sister:** Lucy Wise, Elba; five grandchildren.

JAMES CLINTON STEWART

Mr. James Clinton Stewart, age 83, of Elba, died Jan. 11, 1998, at his home.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 1997, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bernie Reese officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Contributions may be made to Wiregrass Hospice.

Survivors include his **wife:** Hilma Cody Stewart, Elba; **daughter:** Linda Hudson, Montgomery; **son:** Rex Stewart, Wetumpka; **step-son:** Cecil Cody, Enterprise; **brother:** Leroy Stewart, Elba; seven grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

GEORGE "Bill" LINDSEY SR

Mr. George "Bill" Lindsey Sr. died Jan. 6, 1998. He was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Coffee County, to the late Mrs. Alice and Mr. Aaron Lindsey.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Elba, with Rev. Daryl Caldwell officiating.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his **wife:** Mrs. Louise Lindsey, Opp; three **sons:** Willie Mack Lindsey, George Lindsey Jr., and Aaron Lindsey, Opp; five **daughters:** Mary Coleman, Enterprise; Nettie Coleman, Lacie Stoudemire, Polly Stoudemire, and Mary Shivers, Opp; 18 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

MARY GAINES

Mrs. Mary Gaines, age 74, of Enterprise, died Jan. 6, 1998, at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan.

Funeral services were held Jan. 9, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Faithview Holiness Church in Enterprise, with Revs. Marcus Ramer and Hollis Bradley officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two **daughters** and **sons-in-law:** Louise and Rufus Allen, Enterprise; Carolyn and Jimmy Cobb, Troy; four **brothers:** James Kelley, Elba; Jeff Kelley, Lucedale, Miss.; Glen Harrell and Oliver Harrell, Mobile; one **sister:** Cathy Morris, Mobile; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

$26,000 -- please remember this figure - we will get back to it later.

We are a little late sending our thank-you letter, but our feelings are still strong.

To everyone who pitched in at the concession stands during football season - we cannot say how much we appreciate you. We know you to be caring people who make this contribution simply because that's how you are.

To the Marching Black and Gold Club members, and to those of you who eagerly (or reluctantly) buy from the band kids every time they ask - we send a special thanks. You have no idea how far we stretch that money you spent on pizza or band calendars.

No thank-you would be complete without including the business district. We know we call on you again and again - and you never let us down. This fact and the **"Shop Elba First"** slogan is often repeated at our meetings.

About the $26,000 - - - that's the amount of money the Band Boosters must raise every year to keep the band at its present level. Every penny is raised locally and every penny is spent on the children in band.

We provide uniforms, music, larger instruments such as tubas, and transportation to regular season and playoff games. These are only a few of the items made possible by your contributions -- we could never name them all.

Next year our obligations will be even greater as band enrollment will increase from about 75 to 100 members.

Realize that the vast majority of people providing our music today were involved in a music program at their school. As with most school systems Elba offers several cultural outings for our community in the form of concert performances; and for jazz fans you have had an extra treat since the beginning of our swinging jazz band.

Our school system, just like others in the state, is unable to finance 100 percent of our music program, so that responsibility falls to the community; therefore our letter is dedicated to you - OUR LOYAL SUPPORT GROUP.

Thank you,

ELBA BAND BOOSTERS
Lucia Grantham - president
Julie Parrish - vice president
Gwen Akridge - treausre
Joan Ward - secretary

Dear Mrs. Cox,

Enclosed is my subscription renewal for the next two years, at $18.00 per year. My subscription expires Jan. 9.

I was born and raised in Curtis Community, son of Mrs. Lena Grimes, who passed away last October. Reading the *Clipper* is about the only way I have of keeping up with what's going on in and around Elba. I also save the *Clippers* for reference purposes from time to time.

Thanks very much for a great small hometown newspaper.

Wishing you and all the paper's staff a great 1998.

Sincerely,
DONALD E. GRIMES
***Ed. Note:** Mr. Grimes renewal will carry his paper into 2000!*

SHARE YOUR VIEWS. WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

HRDC is taking applications for households needing assistance with heating bills

Human Resource Development Corporation will be taking applications for heating assistance through the federal LIHEAP program for Coffee County on Jan. 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Enterprise Recreation Center, E. Lee St., in Enterprise.

An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the head of household.

If an applicant is 60 years or older or disabled, he/she can authorize, in writing, an individual to apply for him/her.

The applicant must provide the total household income (gross) for the month of December, 1997; a copy of a recent heating bill; and the Social Security number of the applicant in whose name the application is being taken.

For more information contact Human Resource Development Corporation at 347-0881, Ext. 34; 897-2667 or 565-3411.

CARE BEARS were given out by the Alabama State Troopers during the holiday season to small children confined to the hospital. Above Trooper Dale Cobb, left, and Jerry Allen, right, give bears to Jamie Jones and James Jones Jr., children of James Jones Sr., of Dozier. Both children were in Elba General Hospital during most of the holiday season., but responded to treatment and are now at home.

Workshop on Purple Martins scheduled at Landmark Park

There will be a workshop on purple martins at Dothan's Landmark Park Saturday, Jan. 24, beginning at 10 a.m.

The program, to be presented by Charles Myers of Cowarts, will show how to attract purple martins and their beneficial effect to the environment.

Mr. Myers is a volunteer with the Purple Martin Conservation Association of Edinboro, Pa.

The workshop, to be presented in the Interpretive Center at the park, is free of charge to members; non-membership admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.00 for children.

Reservations may be made by calling the park office at 794-3452.

Landmark Park is located on Hwy. 4321 N. in Dothan, and is the official state museum of agriculture.

* * * ANNOUNCING * * *

We will close Saturday, January 17, and Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday

We will resume regular banking services on Tuesday, January 20

Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!

SouthTrust Bank

Elba Member FDIC Enterprise

Social & Community News

Williams–Taylor wedding to be held March 21st

Jennifer Leigh Williams, Erik Daniel Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Willians of Prattville announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Leigh Williams, to Erik Daniel Taylor of Prattville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Merle K. Bozeman of Elba and Mr. Willie E. Bozeman of Fairhope, and Mr. James E. Willians and the late Lily K. Williams of Elba.

She is a 1995 graduate of Autauga Academy and graduated from John M. Patterson State Technical College in 1997. She is employed with a hair stylist company.

The future groom is the grandson of Mrs. Rose Taylor and the late Perry Taylor of Glascow, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keith of Scottsville, Ky.

He is employed with a trucking firm in Prattville.

The wedding will be an event of March 21, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Trinity United Methodist Church in Prattville.

Cassie Shuck celebrates 7th birthday

Cassie Shuck celebrated her 7th birthday with some of her friends, January 12th.

Her parents are Randall and Cindy Shuck of Ft. Walton Bh, FL.

His grandparents are Gene and Judy Eastburn, Elba and Frank and Phyllis Shuck of Indiana

Great grandmothers are: Myrtie Hicks of Elba and Midge Hubbard , Indiana.

New Arrival

Amanda Joyce Reeves

AMANDA JOYCE REEVES

Larry and Cindy Reeves announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Joyce, on Nov. 25, 1997, at Columbia-Andalusia Hospital.

Amanda weighed 5 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Bobby and Lanette Boutwell, and Carlton and Lenora Reeves, all of Elba.

Cassie Shuck

Robert Lowrey Young

Robert Lowrey Young is one year old

Robert Lowrey Young celebrated his first birthday on December 31st.

He is the son of Ashley and Connie Young of Birmingham, AL. He is the grandson of Sam and Ellen Lowrey of Elba, Bob and Ad Callen Keys of Savannah, GA, Jack and Linda Young of Eufaula, AL. Great grandparents are Estelle Holloway, Corrine Lowrey and Ned Young, all of Elba.

Lowrey has an older sister Callen, who is 5 years old.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!!!

John Ryan Shuck is two years old

John Ryan Shuck celebrated his 2nd birthday recently at his home in Ft. Walton Bh, Fl.

Ryan's parents are Randall and Cindy Shuck.

His grandparents are Gene and Judy Eastburn, Elba and Frank and Phyllis Shuck of Indiana

Great grandmothers are: Myrtie Hicks of Elba and Midge Hubbard, Indiana.

John Ryan Shuck

Cody LaDon Daniels

Valentine Sweetheart Pageant to be held in February

The 1998 Valentine Sweetheart Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 14, at the Elba Elementary School.

The pageant is being sponsored by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, with proceeds to be used in financing Lodge charities and projects.

Age divisions include:

0 - 12 months; 13 - 35 months; 3 - 5 years; 6- 8 years; 9 - 11 years; 12 - 14 years, and 15-18 years.

Entry fee of $30 should be made payable to Elba Masonic Lodge 170, and must be received no later than Feb. 10. Entry forms and fees should be mailed to Mrs. Kathy Mularz, 807 W. Simmons St., Elba; Edsel Stone, Rt. 1, Box 271-1A, New Brockton; or Ron Miller, 1303 Neil Grantham Dr., Elba.

For more information call:

Kathy Mularz - 897-8201; Ron Miller - 897-6458; Edsel Stone - 894-3835; Jeff Smith - 897-2946, or Harry Young - 897-5097.

Magnolia Garden Club hears about investments

Fifteen members of the Magnolia Home and Garden Club met Jan. 8 at the Elba City Library for their regular meeting, with Mrs. Ann Miles and Mrs. Gail Brownlee as hostesses.

Guest speaker was Mr. Mike Kozlowski, an investment representative from Enterprise. He was introduced by program chairman Syble Hahn.

Mr. Kozlowski gave some basic rules of investing and financial matters of interest to women.

These rules include investing for long term, investing systematically, diversification, buying quality, and making a plan and following it.

Data and materials were distributed to members for personal consideration.

A donation was given to the library in honor of the speaker.

Mrs. Bette Hamm presided over the brief business session, and a note of thanks was read from the hospital for the club's December decorations.

Deadline for Social News is Monday!!!!

Cody LaDon Daniels celebrates first birthday

Cody LaDon Daniels, son of Tim L. and Sherry P. Daniels, was one year old on Jan. 8. He celebrated his birthday with a party on Jan. 11 at the home of "DaDaDe" and "Nana" Daniels on Cherokee Lane in Elba.

Theme of Cody LaDon's party was "Winnie the Pooh"

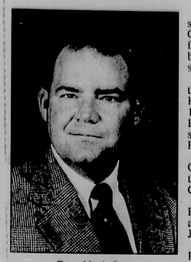
Grandparents are Lloyd and Ella Daniels, Mozell Parker, and Jackie Parker.

Great grandparents are Mrs. Claudine Parker and the late Mr. J.P. Parker; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sexton, Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joe Gaines, Brantley, and the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Stillman Daniels.

Those enjoying the party, cake and food with the birthday boy and his mom and dad were: great-grandmother Claudine Parker; grandparents Lloyd and Ella Daniels, Mozell Parker and Jackie Parker; great uncle and aunt, J.P. and Edna Earle Blair, New Brockton; great aunt Glenda Daniels; uncle and aunt, Stephen and Debbie McCollough; aunts Sharon Parker, Krystun and Autumn Parker; cousins Cal, Carla Daniels, Matthew and Seth McCollough, Sierra and Summer Parker, all of Elba; Lisa Daniels, Dothan; and special friends, Totsye Boutwell; Sara, Stephanie, and Kelly Corder; Boyd, Sunshine, and Macey English, all of Elba.

Church News

Gray elected state coordinator



Rev. Mark Gray

Rev. Mart Gray, Minister of Music and Youth at Elba First Baptist Church, has been elected as the first full-time state coordinator of Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Gray, age 35, was elected during the Nov. 17 meeting of CBF in Huntsville. He began his duties Jan. 1, after resigning from Elba's First Baptist Church where he had served since 1988. He was ordained by Elba First Baptist in 1994.

Gray is active in Elba and Coffee County organizations such as Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, United Fund, etc.

He is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Hill of Locust Fork, Ala., and they have two sons: Will and John.

The Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is an organization of individuals and autonomous Baptist churches in Alabama who are committed to historic Baptist distinctives and who cooperative with one another and with other Baptists to assist churches in developing a progressive vision and program of Christian missions, ministry, evangelism, and education.

Creek Indians to meet in New Brockton

There will be a meeting of the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m. at New Brockton High School.

According to Chief Pennie Wright, this is "an extremely important/mandatory meeting for tribal members of Alabama."

Topics to be discussed include scholarship applications, new membership cards, information on reception in Montgomery on Jan. 20.

For more information call or write:

MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe Office
Rt.1 - 708 S. John St.
New Brockton, Al 36351
334/897-6578

CWC Workshop to be held at Harris Temple

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will have its first CWC Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church.

Classes will include:

Singles: "What Do I Do With Myself?" - Pastor W.K. Ellison

Relationships: Evangelist Rosa Coleman

Committed Prayer Life: Missionary Gwen Knight

Registration fee is $5.00. Door prizes will be given.

Everyone is invited.

Dr. Saye to preach at Damascus Baptist Church

Dr. Bill Saye will preach at the "Share Jesus Now Revival" services at Damascus Baptist Church Jan. 18 - 23.

Services will be held Sunday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. During the week, services will begin at 7 o'clock each evening.

At one time, Dr. Saye was wanted for murder and considered extremely dangerous. He was also known as the "drug king," with a large empire, but today "he preaches the love and saving power of Jesus Christ, because it was Jesus who turned his life around while in prison," said Rev. Bill Frank of Damascus Baptist.

During the same week, Dr. Saye will speak at other events, including to the Damascus youth on Wednesday evening; and at the Coffee County Baptist Ministers Association meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, at 11:30 a.m. at PoFolks Restaurant in Enterprise.

All youth in the area are invited, as well as the general public.

Damascus Baptist is located on Coffee Co. Rd. 547 between Co. Rd. 514 and Hwy. 134 West.

For more information call 334/894-6382 or 334/894-5443.

Shiloh Baptist Church to have singing

Shiloh Baptist Church will have a Gospel Singing and covered dish supper on Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 6 p.m.

Featured singers will be the "Christos," formerly known as "Cornerstone" of New Brockton.

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church to honor Mrs. Nelson Jan.18th

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, of Rt. 3, Elba, will honor Mrs. Oris Nelson Sunday, Jan. 18, at the 11 a.m. service, for her many years of faithful service to the church.

Mrs. Nelson joined Mt. Gilead July 13, 1950.

Gospel Sing to be held at Mustard Seed

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Mustard Seed Foundation Church Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m.

Featured group will be "The Living Proof," of Kinston.

The church is located on Coffee Co. Rd. 211 in the Victoria Community.

Everyone is welcome.

King celebration to be held at Mulberry Missionary Bapt. Association Ed. Bldg.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will be held January 18, at 6 p.m. at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association Educational Building, Hwy. 166 in Elba.

Everyone is invited.

March For Jesus Training Day set for January 24

The 1998 March for Jesus will take place May 30, and to prepare for this event, a State Leadership Training Day will be held in Birmingham on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Site of the training will be Briarwood Presbyterian Church chapel, located off Acton Road on I-459 south of Birmingham, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March for Jesus calls Christians of all races, ages and denominations into the streets one day each year to celebrate what Jesus has done and to ask God's blessings on our cities.

The 1998 theme is "A Choir of Millions for an Audience of One."

For a detailed brochure, write:

March for Jesus, P.O. Box 381132, Birmingham, AL 35238-1132.

Those interested may call 205/664-7879, or e-mail Steve Cole, state representative, at "scole@quicklink.net".

There is a small registration fee which includes a syllabus and lunch. Pre-registration is advised to assure lunch and materials.

News From Harris Temple COGIC

The Youth Dept. of Harris Temple has begun a new program entitled ***Scholastic Motivation Ministries.

This program offers activities for all ages, including:

Bible Bowl, Scripture Memory, Oratorical, Spelling Bee, Drill Team, Beginning Artist, Choreography, Beginning Writers, Drama, and much more . . .

For more information contact Mrs. Sonia Ellison at 393-2169 after 5 p.m.

***Pre-anniversary celebration honoring Pastor W.K. Ellison and wife Sonia will be held Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Supt. J.C. McLeod, pastor of Houston St. COGIC, Dothan.

Shepherd's Fold Church of God to have barbecue Saturday

Shepherd's Fold Church of God will have a barbecue Saturday, January 17. Plates will be $4.50, barbecue by the lb. 4.00, also sandwiches.

Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Fellowship hall of the church.

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*****Scripture: Lamen. 3:1-14**

*****Thinking of you, praying for you:** Cassie B. Reese, Cadian Knight, Hannah Coleman, Rev. W. Curry, Rev. Charles Lane, Mary A. Hooks, Cleaven Williams, Alan Belcher, Lou Head, Cubidean Brooks, Anthony Kelley, Marie Tillis, Lovie Hooks, Jackie Belcher, Mary L. Stevens, Nettie Hogan, Mary A. Blue, Joseph Long, Princell Kelley.

*****Oak Grove** Baptist Church will observe "Look Where He Brought Us From" on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. Rev. J.R. Parks is pastor. Theme: "Shaping Our Future by Remembering the Past." - Deut. 9:18

Scripture - Bro. Lewis Johnson; prayer - Bro. Julian Mitchell; song - Oak Grove Jr. Choir; welcome and occasion - Sis. Carolyn Hunter; Hip Hop Praise Team - Cecilia Lawrence, director; Portraits of Black Alabama Women - Sis. Cecilia Lawrence; Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Sis. Lakia Hammonds; speaker - Rev. Tommy Waites, Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery.

Churches invited: Bethlehem, Piney Grove, Bethel AME, Harris Temple, Elba Zion, Greater New Zion, Goshen First Baptist, Mt. Chapel, Nazareth, Rocky Head, Florala COGIC, Mt. Zion, St. Matthews AME, Holly Hill, Antioch, St. Beulah, St. Stephens, Apostolic COGIC, Good Hope, New Philadelphia, New Life Christian Center, New Glorious and Holy Tabernacle.

***1st Matron's Day Program, St. Mark Missionary Baptist, Glenwood, Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m. - speaker - Rev. A.R. Williams.

***Family Portraits will be taken at Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, Jan. 31. You will receive a 10x13 portrait for $5.00, with option to buy additional pictures.

Anyone interested may contact Melvin and Cathynette Cross, Marietta Carpenter or Lucinda Carpenter, all of Elba. Profits go toward "Operation Payoff."

*****Notice! Bethlehm M.B. Church, Elba,** will have worship services each Sunday of the month beginning first Sunday in February, [(excluding 5th Sunday]. Rev. Daryl Caldwell is pastor.

***There will be a Father-Son Banquet at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, in the fellowship hall on Saturday, Jan. 24, beginning at 6 p.m. Featured speaker will be Mr. Winzell Gray.

Tickets are $6.00. For more information contact Bro. DeeNard Brooks, 347-4728, or Jeffery Rogers - 347-9754.

Church Directory

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB
1350 AM - 1:30-2:00 P.M. - Sun.
Rev. Jonas Rodgers

Noon Devotion WELB
Monday thru Friday
12:05 - 12:20 p.m. -Bill Beck

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ..... 10:00 am
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 am
Even. Serv. ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed Prayer Meet ..... 7.00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH - Milton Harrington
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Even Worship ..... 6.00 p.m
Wed Prayer Serv. ..... 6.30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even Worship ..... 6.30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 6.30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Evening Service ..... 6.00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. HOP
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship 12.00noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. William Frank
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 7.00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7.00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH - Donnie Marler
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck ,MINISTER
Bible Study ..... 9.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 10.00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7.00 p.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S FOLD CHURCH OF GOD Lamar Dean
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Evangelistic Serv ..... 6.00 p.m
Wed Prayer Serv ..... 7.00 p.m

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J. E. Wesley
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon ..... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7.00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - Jimmy Porter
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7.00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Redd
Sunday School ..... 9.30 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10.30 a.m.
Even Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7.00 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Robert Paul
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10.00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. ..... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Marvin Ennis
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10.50 a.m.
Even Services ..... 6.00 p.m

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J. L. Grayer
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Totten
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Danny Sherrer
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morning Service ..... 11.00 a.m.
Worship Service ..... 5.00 p.m
Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7.00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Danny Bradshaw
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m
Morn Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes-Pastor
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed Services ..... 7.00 p.m

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Peterson
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W. K. Ellison
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. Marvin Ennis
Morning Worship ..... 8.45 a.m

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Shirlie Ellis
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH - Frank Lowery
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6.30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Wesley D. Ard
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 6.30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH - Garry Winstead
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Even. Worship ..... 6.00 p.m
Wed. Night Prayer Serv ..... 7.00 p.m

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Rev. Stephen Dubose
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ..... 7:15 p.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6.00 p.m.

KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Ser. ..... 600 p.m.

LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Ron & Mary Stinson -Pastors
Saturday ..... 6.00 p.m.
Sunday ..... 3.00 p.m
Wed. Youth Serv ..... 7.00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST - Greg Hanchey - Minister
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m
Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Evening Service ..... 5.00 p.m

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - J. R. Parks - Pastor
Sunday School ..... 9.45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Rev. Hubert McWaters - Pastor
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m
Morn. Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m

MT. ZION HOLINESS - Jimmy Bryan - Minister
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 5.00 p.m.
Tues. Prayer Service ..... 6.00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Richard Moss
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 6.00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ..... 7.00 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev Eddie Davis
Sunday School ..... 10.00 a.m
Morn Worship ..... 11.00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 5.00 p.m.

MULBERRY HGTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST - R. B. Williams
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class ..... 6. 30 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION - Mary Seavey
Sunday Morning Services ..... 10:30 a.m
Evening Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service ..... 5.00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. - Hirron, Linda Williams
Sunday ..... 10 & 11 a.m.
Sun. Even ..... 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Even ..... 7:30 p.m.
Fri. Even. ..... 7:30 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Calon Davis
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ..... 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST - Ben McKee
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST - Elbert Smith
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study ..... 5:00 p.m
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST - Alfred Ikner
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5: 30 p.m.
Wed Eve. Service ..... 6. 30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH - Ben Amlong
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Even. Worship ..... 6:00 p.m
Prayer Meeting ..... 6: 30 p.m

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Walter Faulk
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed.Even. Serv ..... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - J. C. Turner
Sunday School ..... 10.00a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11.00a.m.
Even Worship ..... 7:00p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv ..... 7:00p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Lorenzl Flowers
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Morn Worship 11.30a.m
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH - A .R. Williams
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Ser. ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed Prayer Meeting ..... 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME - Rev. F. L. Flowers
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon. ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m
Even. Service ..... 7:00 p.m
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH John D. Johnson
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Tony Dye
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 5:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. ..... 7:00 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Maddox
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m.

WISE HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed Prayer Serv ..... 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST Seaborn Wooten
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet ..... 7:00 p.m

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH - Mike Hindley
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Service ..... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH- Raymond Miller
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Serv ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.

ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Serv ..... 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST Rev. Bennett Abbott
Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sun.
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sun.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Keith Price
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morn Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Even Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH - Rev. Charles K. Jones
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed Service ..... 6:30 p.m

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CALF AND PIG CHASERS! . . .Andy Waddail, (l) of Elba, and Layton Griffin of New Brockton competed in the Greasy Pig Chase and Calf Scramble at the National Peanut Festival in October in Dothan. Both boys did well and got dirtier than the animals. Both are members of the Coffee County 4-H Club. *(photo by Coffee County Extension System)*

Susan Taylor-Extension Agent/NEP

Low-Fat diet good for kids

The picture's getting clearer: what our children eat while growing up can have dramatic consequences for their health in adult life. *The Expert Panel on Blood Cholesterol Levels in Children and Adolescents,* part of a federal organization in charge of educating the public about the consequences of fat and cholesterol in their diets, released a report that will make health-conscious cooks smile.

In essence it said that children over age 2 should follow the same fat and cholesterol guidelines considered desirable for adults. This doesn't mean special meals or special diets—just encourage the whole family to eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains; and go lighter on meats and high-fat dairy products.

The familiar numbers look like this:

• Children should get no more than 10 percent of their total calories from saturated fat;

• they should get no more than 30 percent of their total calories from all fats; and

• kids should consume fewer than 300 mg of cholesterol per day.

What these figures mean for most families is changing some ideas about the kinds of foods kids need to grow on. The primary goal of the diet in childhood is to achieve normal growth and development. You don't need to feed children whole milk and cream cheese to do this. What allows for growth is more calories, not higher-fat foods.

Using the broad range of plant food recommended by the Food Guide Pyramid as a starting place, then adding a judicious amount of fat to boost calorie intake is recommended. Children physically aren't able to eat enough of just low-calorie fruits, vegetables and grains needed for adequate growth. So spreading a bit of butter or margarine on breads means that two buttered slices give the same number of calories as three plain slices would.

Snacks are another way of helping children get the calories they need. Choosing low-fat snacks can keep the total daily fat intake within the recommended margins. Adults have the idea that snacks are bad for kids. Yet, especially young children with little stomachs can't eat huge quantities of food at any one sitting. They need mini-meals to get a sufficient number of calories each day.

If the term "snack" means potato chips and soft drinks, then some course correction is in order. Graham crackers, cut-up fruits and vegetables, low-fat yogurt, whole-grain cereal with skim milk—these all give children the calories they need without unwanted fat.

When evaluating your family's diet, remember two notes of caution. First: don't go overboard in limiting children's fats. If you've chosen to cut way back on the fats you eat, don't do so with your children. There have been documented cases where parents were too restrictive in the amount of fat in their children's diets. The result was children who were not growing properly. Be safe. Stick closer to the percentage recommendations .

And second: there should be no fat restrictions whatsoever on the diets ofchildren under age 2. The Expert Panel report is explicit on this point explaining that the fast growth of infants requires an energy-dense diet with a higher percentage of calories from fat than is needed by older children. Based on current knowledge, it is inappropriate to apply nutrient guidelines for fats, cholesterol, and calories to children under 2 years of age.

But once a child turns two, it's time to begin building a lifelong pattern of eating smart. Don't think of a heart-healthy diet as something you start in middle age or you go on and off. It should be the way you eat all the time. Ideally, it should be the way children always remember eating. Source: Christina Stark, New York State College of Human Ecology, Cornell University.

Arts and Crafts Festival to be held in Fairhope

The 46th annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival will be held in Fairhop on March 20 - 22. The event will be sponsored by the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce, and will take place on the streets of downtown Fairhope.

Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily and there is no admission charge. Live entertainment and classic festival foods will be served throughout the three days.

For more information call 334/928-6387.

VICA Spotlight

by **Diana Jackson**

This week's VICA spotlight focuses on Shannon Lott, an employee at Hayes Funeral Home. Shannon's duties include answering phones, running errands, and generally doing anything that needs to be done.

Shannon is the daughter of Diane Lott and is a senior at Elba High School. She is a member of Sr. Beta Club and FBLA.

Shannon serves as co-captain of the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and as captain of the Lady Tigers Varsity Volleyball team.

Shannon's hobbies include running, walking, shopping, tumbling, and participating in any sporting event. After high school, she plans to attend Troy State University and plans to try out for the TSU cheerleading squad. She will major in Criminal Law.

Tiger Tales

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Assistant Editor

Weeks Addresses Eligibility

A very significant change regarding student eligibility in high school athletics is now in effect. This change is due to the new Academic Rule: A student, to be eligible during any school year, must have passed during the preceding year in attendance at least six new full Carnegie units with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units. Four core curriculum courses must be included in the six units passed.

This rule will become effective for the 1998-99 school year for those students entering the 10th and 11th grades. (Their eligibility will be based on academic work passed during the 1997-98 school year.) It will become effective for the 1999-2000 school year for all high school students entering the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

Eligibility will be determined before the beginning of each school year. However, to maintain that eligibility, the student must be carrying the equivalent of six new units (three per semester if school is on the block system) in the 1998-99 school year.

The four core curriculum courses required are math, English, science, and social studies. This is the first time specific course requirements must be met under the new Academic Rule. Previous course requirements were any five full Carnegie units with a composite average of 70.

Under the new rule, a student may pass six new full Carnegie units with a composite average of 70 or above and still not be eligible to participate in athletics. Current 9th and 10th graders must be enrolled in and pass the correct core courses now in order to be eligible in 1998-99.

All athletes attending Elba High school will be affected by this new ruling. Due to this state-wide change all student athletes must devote more time to their academic course work. Hopefully, our athletes will realize the importance of academic success as well as athletic achievement.

Thank you,
Danny W. Weeks

SGA Reviews First Semester

by **Elizabeth Strong**

What a semester it has been. The Elba High School SGA has had a very busy and exciting year. It is so hard to believe that half a year is gone and we have accomplished so much.

It is extremely hard to believe that half a year is gone and there is only half left to go. It seems as if it was just yesterday the Elba High School Student Government Association officers were at the AASC Summer Leadership Workshop, but what seems even closer is that oh so dreaded first day of school.

At our first assembly Mr. Stokes and I welcomed everyone back and made sure everyone knew they could suggest any kind of change.

Soon after the first day of school the SGA officers and representatives began to meet to plan the year's events. We planned the usual fund-raisers, activities, workshops, and assemblies, but in an effort to make a little change this year's council added several new activities to the agenda, the first one being Student of the Month. This has been a very successful project and has recognized many of EHS's best students.

The next project was painting the road leading into the school. This will reflect the pride in EHS's students for many years to come. Eventually, the paws will make it all the way around our splendid campus and will instill even more pride in everyone's hearts.

We are looking forward to a very exciting second semester, and hope that it is just as successful as the first.

EHS Tri-M Chapter Meets

On Monday December 22 the Tri-M chapter of Elba High School met in the Band Room hall at 8:00 A.M. The group decided that the first project of the year would be painting the band room hall.

The students taped off the hall and began to paint. When the hall was done there was a black and gold stripe going down the hallway. Since the painting was done over Christmas holidays, band members were very surprised when they returned.

SUPPORT EDUCATION

* * * ESJC HAPPENINGS * * *

UPCOMING Classes

*****Principles of Investing** will be taught Thursdays, 6 - 8 p.m., Jan. 15 - Feb. 26.

Topics include the eight rules for successful investing, the difference between bond and equity investments, the relationship between risk and reward, and the structure of a suitable portfolio given risk and reward parameters.

Registration deadline is Jan. 8, and a fee of $35.00 will be charged.

*****Child Development Workshop** will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m. - Noon.

This will be of interest to adults involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children.

Pre-registration fee is $15 if received by Jan. 9, and $20 after that date.

*****Intensive Novel Writing Workshop** will be led by award-winning author, Bonnie Stone. Stone recently moved to Enterprise from Lancaster, Calif.

This workshop is scheduled for Thursdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Jan. 15 - Feb. 26 (excluding Feb. 5). There is a $60 fee for the course, and registration deadline is Jan. 8.

Participants will learn how to develop a story structure, characters, dialogue, and descriptions.

•The ESJC Creative Writing Club will meet Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. at Westgate Bok and Gift.

Deadline for submissions of poems, short stories, short plays and essays in the next publication of *The Corinthian* has been set for Jan. 30. Items are to be submitted to Mrs. Montez Vickers, ESJC, P.O. Box 1300, Enterprise, AL 36331.

For more information contact Mrs. Vickers at 334/393-ESJC, Ext. 216.

•Lifeguard Training through the American Red Cross will be available at ESJC campus this winter.

This course prepares students for jobs as lifeguards, and in order to receive Red Cross certification, CPR and First Aid certification are also required. Instruction for these will be available Saturday, Feb. 14, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Participants must be at least 15 years old and must complete a swimming test. A textbook, costing approximately $10, must be purchased at the first class.

Classes will be held Monday - Friday, Feb. 9 - 20, 5 - 8:30 p.m.

There is a $50 fee for this course, and registration deadline is Feb. 2.

This course may be taken for college credit.

•Relax with Intermediate and Advanced Yoga at ESJC this winter quarter. Classes will include exercises that will enhance concentration as well as improve body flexibility and range of motion, and each class will conclude with a deep relaxation exercise.

Any age person can benefit from yoga. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or quilt to each class.

The course will be taught Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Jan. 31 - Feb. 21 (excluding Feb. 14). Registration deadline is Jan. 30, and there is a $40 fee for the course.

•Using the Microcomputer - Level II, will be offered this winter quarter and is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding.

Successful completion of Using a Microcomputer - Level I is recommended but not required.

A 3-1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a $30 fee for the course and registration deadline is Feb. 3.

Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 10 - 19, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 to register.

For more information on the above courses, call 393-ESJC, Ext. 234.

*****Tole and Decorative Painting** will be scheduled for winter quarter, Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17, 6 - 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 6.

Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal.

There is a $30 fee for the course. Students may bring their own supplies - to the first class meeting - or may purchase supplies for $30 - $50.

Additional painting surfaces will be available for $5.00 each.

Students must be at least 12 years old, and the class is limited to 15.

*****Leisure Swimming** will provide tone-up with non-impact exercise. The pool will be available this winter quarter for approximately 24 hours per week.

Fee is $25 for individual participants and $40 for families. There is no registration deadline and participants may sign up at any time during the quarter.

*****ESJC's Adult Learning Center,** located in the Student Center, provides computer-assisted instruction for new GED students who wish to study for the GED, for current adult education students who want additional study time with one-on-one help, and for students who like to review, study, or learn on their own.

The center is open Mondays - Thursdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

For more information call 393-ESJC, Ext. 218.

For more information on any of the above ESJC courses, call **334/393-ESJC, Ext. 234,** unless otherwise indicated.

Elba Junior High Honor Band Members

by **Bethany Dye**

Eight students from Elba High School attended the University of Alabama in Birmingham Junior High Honor Bands on December 11-13. The students left Thursday morning and tried out on prepared and sight-read exercises in Birmingham that afternoon.

After the results were announced, the rest of the weekend consisted of rehearsals, topped off with a special concert on Saturday night in the Stephens Performing Arts Center. Each band had a wonderful performance. Everybody worked hard, learned many things and had great fun.

Gunter Akridge, Bethany Dye, and Wesley Kelley made the top honor band, which was directed by Mrs. Suzanne Winter. Leanne Mallory, Evan Maddox, Jassen Hays, and Randy Beach were all members of the Renda Band, directed by Mr. Phil Renda.

Ashley Harrelson made the Eady Band, which was directed by Mr. Chuck Eady.

All Star Cheerleader Goes To London

by: **Tawanna Rodgers**

Universal Cheerleaders Association All-Star Cheerleader Kerry Kelley departed December 26, 1997 for London, England. She was one of the 2,500 cheerleaders, from all over the world, chosen to perform in the New Yearfs Day Parade.

She toured sites such as St. Paul's, Westminster Abby, and Buckingham Palace. She met many people from all over the world but said the food there was not great.

Kerry commented, "It was a great experience and I learned a lot of things in London that directly affect our country."

Kerry returned home on January 2, 1998. She would like to thank everyone for assisting her in achieving this goal.

GO TIGERS!

DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL NEWS IS MONDAY!!!

Elba Elementary School Menus

Jan. 19 - 23, 1998

Breakfast

Monday - Holiday
Tuesday -Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Cinnamon Roll or Cereal, Cheese Slice, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits w/ Toast or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday - Holiday
Tuesday - Chicken Fried Beef Patty, Potato Wedges, Green Beans, Roll, Pear Half, Milk
Wednesday - Barbecue/Bread, Rice,, Fried Okra, Banana, Milk
Thursday - Chicken Fingers/Roll, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Field Peas, Half Apple, Milk
Friday - Turkey Wiggle/ Roll, Garden Peas, Whole Kernel Corn, Sweet Potato Patty, Milk

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Sports

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I'm glad that the officials at the Elba City Schools decided to wait until after the holidays to send home report cards. The Mularz girls brought home their report cards last week, and while both of them did well enough to stay out of trouble with Mom and Dad, neither did well enough to tease the other about who did the best. I guess it proves that maybe the school officials might have had a few report cards of their own that would not have brightened up the holidays!

ELBA TIGERS CLAIM ONE WIN AND ONE LOSS

The Elba Tigers hit the court twice last week and claimed one win and one loss to see their record for the season move to six wins and four losses. The Tigers' win came over the Florala Wildcats, while the loss came at the hands of the Clayton Tigers, with both games being played in Elba.

In the win over Florala, the Tigers used their relentless man-to-man defense to wear down the Wildcats and claim the exciting win. Florala used its quickness to grab the early lead over the Tigers, and carried the lead in at the half, only to see Elba simply get tougher and tougher on defense, and stage a late rally to post the victory. Elba's Eric Jordan had a big night popping a number of jump-shots from just outside the free-throw line, while sophomore Wayne Reed also showed his offensive spark by leading the team in scoring. It was a good win over a very good team, and one that the Tigers probably would not have won last season.

The Tigers led almost the entire game Friday night against Clayton, only to see the visitors rally late and hit their free-throws to dump the Tigers. Elba used its defensive pressure to keep Clayton at-bay in the opening half, as the Tigers dictated the style of play. Clayton began to chip away at the Elba lead in the second half, and then hit key free-throws down the stretch to pull off the win. It was a game the Tigers could have, and should have, won, but a game in which the Tigers' style of play might have worn them out late in the game when Clayton rallied for the win. Mark Wicker had his best night of the season and led the Tigers in scoring, while other offensive weapons misfired more than usual.

I know that the Elba coaches and players are disappointed with their 6-4 record; however, the Tigers have won the hearts of the Elba supporters with their non-stop style of play, and no matter what happens the remainder of the season, this team will always be winners in the rich history of Elba Tiger basketball. Now, go out and win a bunch more games!

AREA TEAMS HAVE EXCITING WEEK OF ACTION

The teams in the area hit the hardwood almost every night last week, and it seemed like every game was more exciting than the one before, as all the teams played hard and gave winning efforts every time out. Here is a look back at the week that was....

*****NEW BROCKTON (9-8)** won two of three games, with two of the games going into overtime, and the other game going down to the last shot. The Gamecocks opened the week with a big road win over Luverne 30-28, to take a leg up in the Area race, but then stumbled in mid-week and lost to area foe Goshen 59-56 in overtime, before coming back over the weekend to upset G.W. Long 52-44, also in overtime. The Gamecocks might not always play the style of basketball that wins the hearts of their fans, but they do play winning basketball, and that is the bottom line.

*****KINSTON (2-12)** snapped its long losing streak by posting a wild 52-51 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Bulldogs were down mentally after mounting losses and were down by 12-points heading into the fourth quarter, but somewhere found that Bulldog pride that had been sleeping and staged a late rally to claim the win. Kinston is still not one of the best teams around; however, it should know now that it can win, and maybe the big win over Zion Chapel will be just what the doctor ordered and spark the Bulldogs on to many more wins.

*****ZION CHAPEL (4-7)** saw its losing streak reach four games with its stunning fourth quarter collapse against Kinston. The Rebels jumped out to a 4-3 record this season and were talking about a winning record and a trip to the post-season party, but the Rebels might have forgotten what it took to get those early-season wins after seeing their name in the headlines. It will be interesting to see if the Rebels can bounce back and prove they are indeed a team to watch as the season heads into the homestretch.

*****BRANTLEY (8-1)** celebrated its #2 ranking in the state by rolling to lopsided wins over McKenzie and J.U. Blacksher. The Bulldogs lit-up the scoreboard and hit the century mark for the second time this season in their 100-93 win over McKenzie, and it appears that the Bulldogs might just be as good as Coach Tony Stallworth thought before the year started. If the Bulldogs can keep their key players out of foul trouble and improve every night they hit the court, they could very well be a team to keep an eye on when tournament time arrives.

COACH OF YEAR HONOR IS DESERVING

When it was announced recently that Kinston's Amelia Rhoades had been named the state's "Coach of the Year" in high school volleyball by *The Birmingham News*, it was a very fitting end to what has been a glorious year for Kinston and its long-time coach. Coach Rhoades has been a driving force in girls' athletics for many years across South Alabama, and the state, and deserved to win a state championship as much as any coach in any sport. The Kinston coach was the state's first female athletic director, and forced many area schools to sit up and put more emphasis on girls athletics than even the famous court ruling that set forth equality in athletics.

Coach Rhoades will be the first to tell you that there are many more coaches across the state that were deserving of the honor; however, she will also smile and beam with pride when she talks about receiving the honor. While there could very well be other coaches somewhere across the state that were deserving of the honor, there were none any more deserving, and none that have done anymore for girls athletics in the state of Alabama than Amelia Rhoades!

YOUTH BASKETBALL IS DAY LONG AFFAIR

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation began its youth basketball season last weekend at the new Recreation Center, and the action was fast and furious all day long as the boys and girls played a total of nine games in ten hours. The "8 and Under" league made its debut, and while the score is not kept for the younger league, there were a lot points scored by every team and the play of the youngsters was excellent. The older players showed everyone that the future of basketball in Elba is in good hands, and all in all it was a very enjoyable day of action for all involved. There is no admission charge for any of the games, so, why not make plans to at least drop by and see a little action real soon.

Lady Tigers notch 4th win

Tigers tame Wildcats 53-49

The Elba Tigers scored only four points during the final five-minutes of the game, but made both baskets in the closing minute of play, to hold off the Florala Wildcats and claim an exciting 53-49 win, last Tuesday night in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 6-3, while Florala slipped to 2-4 with the loss.

Elba jumped out to an early lead and owned a 5-2 advantage with 5:46 left in the opening stanza after a free-throw by Marcus Siler, only to see Florala go on an 8-2 run to jump ahead 10-7 at the 4:23 mark.

A Derrick Thigpen jumper enabled the Tigers to sneak back on top 11-10, but the Wildcats took advantage of their quickness to get several easy baskets and with 1:58 left in the first quarter Florala owned a 16-11 lead.

Florala extended its lead to 24-17 with 5:45 left in the second quarter and took its biggest lead of the game at 30-21 with 3:14 left in the half; however, the Tigers picked up the intensity on defense and closed the half with an 8-0 run to pull within 30-29 at intermission.

The Wildcats managed to hold on to their lead early in the third quarter, but packed in their defense midway through the quarter, and sparked by the shooting of Eric Jordan went on an 8-2 run to regain the lead at 39-36 with 3:58 remaining in the period.

The Tigers moved on top 49-43 midway through the fourth quarter on a Daniel Murdock free-throw and appeared to be in command.

The Elba offense got out of sync after taking the six-point lead, however, and Florala pulled within 49-47 with 1:25 left in the game, despite missing on 4 of 6 free-throw chances during a two-minute span.

A Mark Wicker bucket upped Elba's lead to 51-47 with :59 left, but the Wildcats scored with :24 left on the clock to pull within 51-49.

The Tigers called a time-out with :18 showing, and when Wayne Reed hit a short jumper with :08 remaining, the Tigers had turned back the Florala challenge and claimed the 53-49 win.

Wayne Reed scored 16 points and Eric Jordan added 12 to lead Elba, while Oates scored 26 to lead Florala.

E 16 13 15 9 - 53
F 18 12 10 9 - 49

Elba (53): Jordan 12, Thigpen 8, Siler 3, Wicker 8, Coleman 4, Murdock 1, Reed 16.

Florala (49): Hill 13, Bradberry 2, N. Oates 6, Anderson 2, Oates 26.

(GIRLS GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 4-9 with a 26-20 win over the Florala Lady Cats.

The Lady Tigers pulled out to an early 3-0 lead on a basket by Lindsey Jared, and extended their lead to 6-2 with 1:17 left in the first quarter on a three-pointer by Teleisha Daniels.

Elba's lead went to 9-2 early in the second quarter on a bucket by Roshanda McKinnon and it looked like the Lady Tigers were in command, but Elba failed to score over the next five minutes, and Florala chopped the lead to 9-7 late in the half.

Baskets by Roshanda McKinnon and Lindsey Jared helped the Lady Tigers increase their lead to 13-9 by the end of the half, and when Teleisha Daniels drilled a long three-pointer with 6:48 left in the third quarter, Elba's lead was up to 16-11!

Florala cut the lead to 18-17 late in the quarter, but Lindsey Jared and Roshanda McKinnon again scored late, and heading into the final stanza Elba was on top 22-17.

The Lady Tigers went over five minutes without a bucket in the final stanza; however, Florala also had a hard time finding the goal, and Elba pulled away late to claim the 26-20 win.

Teleisha Daniels scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Tara Thrash scored 9 for Florala.

E 7 6 9 4 - 26
F 2 7 8 3 - 20

Elba (26): Jared 6, Vaughan 2, Daniels 9, Boyd 2, Lewis 1, McKinnon 6.

Florala (20): Bradberry 4, Thrash 9, Jackson 1, Gundrum 4, James 2.

(B GAME)

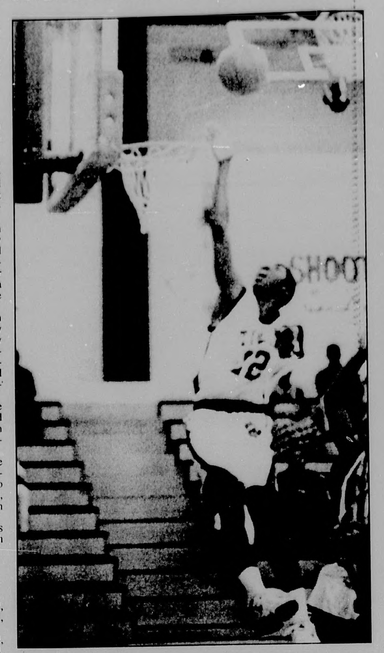
The Elba B team improved its record to 6-3 with a 35-29 win over Florala.

The Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 16-11 at the half, but rallied in the second half and outscored the Wildcats 14-5 in the final stanza to pull away and claim the win.

Julius Smith scored 12 points and Sammy Hill added 11 to lead Elba, while Gehogan led Florala with 13.

Elba (35): Hodge 6, Hill 11, Coleman 3, Smith 12, Daniels 3.

Florala (29): Henderson 3, Hutchinson 3, Walters 1, Phillips 8, Gehogan 13.



Elba's Johnny Coleman (12) goes high to pull down a rebound during a Tiger win. Elba will host Hillcrest Friday night.

Elba 7th grade Tigers end cage season with 8-4 slate

The Elba 7th grade Tigers closed out their 1997-98 basketball season with two lopsided wins last week to close out the season with a record of 8 wins and 4 losses.

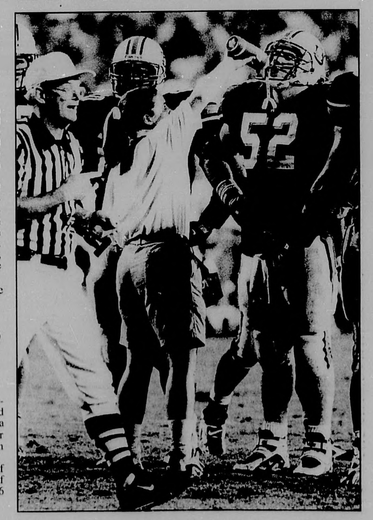
The Tigers traveled to New Brockton on Monday afternoon and led all the way to down the Gamecocks 38-14. Elba jumped out to a 22-8 halftime lead, stretched its lead to 35-10 by the end of the third quarter and rolled to the easy win.

Marcus Henderson scored 13 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Kyle English 8, Colby Skinner 8, Jason Curran 3, Bart Barnes 2, Quinton Moultry 2 and Justin Allen 2.

The Tigers traveled to Kinston Thursday afternoon and pounded the Bulldogs 32-14. Elba led only 3-2 after one quarter, but stretched its lead to 30-8 by the end of the third quarter, and coasted in with the win.

Marcus Henderson scored 13 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Kyle English 4, Cherelle Edwards 4, Quinton Moultry 4, Jason Curran 3, Justin Allen 2 and Colby Skinner 2. Whigham scored 8 to lead Kinston, while Parker added 4 and Bedsole scored 2.

The 7th grade Tigers were coached by Winn Grimes.



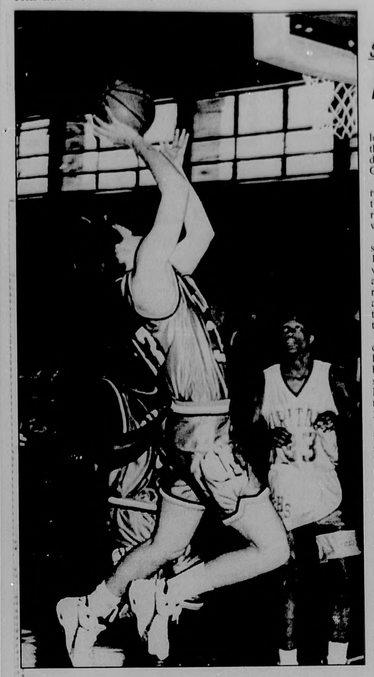
BAKER ON A WATER BREAK....Elba's Amy Baker provides liquid refreshment during a break in an Auburn Tiger football game. Baker, of Elba, is presently interning in Sports Medicine at Disney's Wide World of Sports, in Orlando. She will graduate in March from Auburn University.

Johnson & Allums named to 1A-3A "Super 12" grid team

The Dothan Eagle released its "Super 12" listing of Wiregrass high school football players over the weekend and included on the list in Class 1A-3A was Elba Tiger defensive-end Wesley Johnson and New Brockton defensive-back Jason Allums.

Johnson, a senior, recorded 88 tackles for Coach David Sikes' Tigers during the '97 season, had 9 quarterback sacks, returned 2 interceptions for touchdowns, recovered a fumble for a touchdown and had a quarterback sack in the endzone for a safety, as he scored 20 points on defense.

Allums, a senior, made a total of 135 tackles for the Gamecocks of Coach Keith Thrasher, including 96 solo stops .



Kinston's Ronnie Sansom (33) drives to the basket for a two-pointer during recent action. The Bulldogs snapped a long losing streak Friday night with a 52-51 win over Zion Chapel.

Snaps long losing streak

Kinston surprises Zion Chapel 52-51

The Kinston Bulldogs snapped a long losing streak and claimed only their second win of the season Friday night as they stunned the Zion Chapel Rebels 52-51, in Kinston.

The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 2-12, 1-2 in Area 4 action, while Zion Chapel saw its record slip to 4-7, 1-2 in Area play, with the loss.

Zion Chapel used its aggressive style of play to jump out to an early 12-4 lead over its cross-county rivals and appeared to be headed for an easy win; however, the Bulldogs refused to let the Rebels run away and hide, and went on a 9-0 run of their own to take a 13-12 lead by the end of the stanza.

Zion Chapel opened the second quarter with a 7-2 run to regain the lead at 19-15 and opened up a double-digit lead midway through the stanza, only to see Kinston's Brat Nobles hit a three-pointer late in the half to pull the Bulldogs within 33-26 at the break.

The Rebels regained command in the third quarter and once again seemed to be in control as they carried a 45-33 advantage into the final stanza, only to see the Bulldogs open the fourth quarter with a 13-2 run to chop the Zion Chapel lead to 47-46 with three minutes left on the clock.

A Josh Grantham basket upped the Rebels' lead to 49-46, but Brad Matthews answered with a three-pointer and Kinston had caught the Rebels at 49-49.

Zion Chapel's Wesley Clark hit two free-throws to put the Rebels back on top 51-49, but it only set the stage for the Bulldogs' last-second heroics, as Brad Matthews broke free off a screen and drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Kinston the exciting 52-51 win.

Jeremy Osborn scored 13 points to lead Kinston, while Ronnie Sansom added 11, Bret Nobles 10 and Brad Matthews 9. Wesley Clark scored 15 points to spark the Rebels, while Ben Pritchett and Joseph Sanders both added 10.

"I was proud of our players for keeping their composure and battling back when they got down in the third quarter," said Kinston's Coach Gary Glass. "As frustrating as the season has been it would have been easy to just chalk it up as another loss, but the guys really played hard."

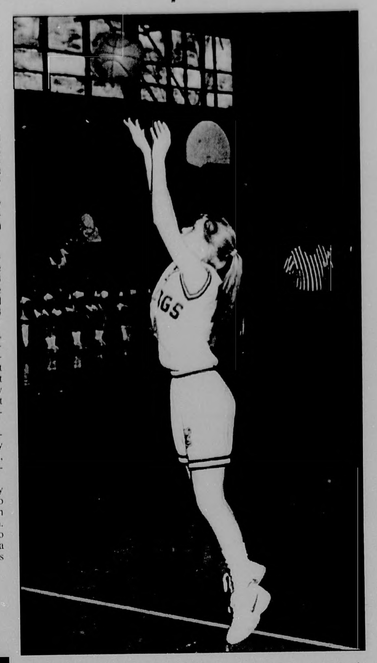
In girls' action, the Kinston Lady Bulldogs took command in the second half and rolled to a 44-28 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Neither team could find the basket in the opening stanza as the Lady Bulldogs crept out to a 4-3 lead; however, Kinston opened the second stanza with a 10-0 run and appeared in command with a 14-3 advantage.

The Lady Rebels were down big, but never even thought about quitting against their cross-county rivals, and reeled off 11 straight points to catch the Lady Bulldogs at 14-14 with :20 left in the half, only to see Kinston sneak ahead 16-14 at the half on a last-second shot by Suzanne Rhoades.

The Lady Bulldogs came out determined to prove their superiority in the second half, and did just that, as they outscored Zion Chapel 28-14 to roll to the big win.

Suzanne Rhoades and Tiffany Rhoades both scored 10 points to lead Kinston, while Allie Sumblin and April Lee scored 8 points each. Tina Johnson scored 9 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Rebecca Kidd added 8 and Kayla Eddins scored 8.



Kinston's Tiffany Rhoades (24) shoots during a recent Lady Bulldog win. Rhoades scored 10 points Friday night to lead the Lady Bulldogs to a big win over Zion Chapel.

Curran scores 28 points to lead Heat to two big wins

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation opened its 1998 Youth Basketball League last week with a total of nine games being played in four divisions.

The action began Saturday morning with the Magic and Hornets battling in the "8 and Under" boys division in a hotly contested game. Playing for the Magic were Merrill Curran, Robert Williamson, Corey Parker, Will Gray, Graham Morrow, Aaron Drewery, Jamison Baker, Martin McCormick, Kendall Chapell and Derrick Jackson. Playing for the Hornets were John Jared, Blake Qualls, Quenton Caldwell, Jason Mitchell, Aaron Harrelson, Nicholas Nelson, Donta Tillis, Jordan McBride, Antwon Tillis and Brent Johnston.

The Nuggets and Lakers continued the action in the "8 and Under" division, and both teams scored points in the exciting game. Playing for the Nuggets were Robert Paul, Matthew Gilbert, Andrew Blenn, Jacob Forbes, Ethan Dismukes, Jason Johnson, Zachery Stephens, Nicholas Simmons, Justin Pike and Stephen Driggers. Playing for the Lakers were Adam Henderson, Andrew Hesal, Drew Ellis, Deymond Williams, Dimetrio Tyson, Caleb Bannin, Chris Luckenbaugh, Sam Williams and Deon Turner.

The third game of the morning was in the "Girls 8 and Under" division, with the Comets and Rockers playing excellent basketball. Playing for the Comets were Sydney Brunson, Meagan Anderson, Jessie Johnson, Tierney Starks, Ashley Carpenter, Tiffany Johnson, Keleka Magwood and Mericka Crawford. Playing for the Rockers were Hannah Miller, Melanie Mularz, Whitley Kilcrease, Masie Thomas, Leslie Flowers, Amber Coleman, Lanchessica Cross, LeShea Smith, Brittany Johnson and Kristen Parker.

The "8 and Under" boys returned to the court in the next game, with the Magic and Rockets both finding the basket without any problem. Playing for the Rockets were T.J. Harrison, Jessie Sessions, Aaron Jacobs, John Moss, Garrett Kelley, Clay Craig and Zack Spann.

The Mercury led all the way to defeat the Liberty 21-8, in "Girl's 12 and Under" action. Scoring for the Mercury were Devri Kilcrease 8, Ayonna Proctor 7, Elena McCormick 4 and Amanda Pope 2. Scoring for the Liberty were Marquita Burks 6 and Carrie Carden 2.

The Sparks pulled away in the final stanza to down the Starzz 18-11, in "Girls 12 and Under" action. Scoring for the Sparks were Christy Eubanks 8, Deann Smith 6 and Ashley Gibson 4. Scoring for the Starzz were Samantha Williams 5, Mallory Allen 4 and Whitney Lawford 2.

The Heat pulled ahead early and held on to down the Hawks 31-19, in "Boys 12 and Under" action. Scoring for the Heat were Matthew Curran 12, Derrek Thomas 8, Brandon Wilson 7, Aaron Harrelson 2 and John Buchanan 2. Scoring for the Hawks were Eric 13, Lance Cross 4 and Alex Allen 2.

The Jazz took command in the second half to defeat the Warriors 25-9, in "Boys 12 and Under" action. Scoring for the Jazz were Colby Capps 9, Chris Brunson 8, Ralston Moore 6 and Evan Tew 2. Scoring for the Warriors were Stefaun Burks 4, Duke Carr 3 and Johnny Carden 2.

The Heat rallied from a 12-11 halftime deficit to defeat the Pacers 30-17. Scoring for the Heat were Matthew Curran 16, Brandon Wilson 8, Aaron Harrelson 4 and Zane Hall 2. Scoring for the Pacers were LaRay Williams 7, Quinton Gavin 6, Clark Skinner 2 and Lewis Johnson 2.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JAN.17
9:00 - Liberty vs. Sparks
10:00 - Mercury vs. Starzz
11:00 - Rockers vs. Comets
12:00 - Hawks vs. Jazz
1:00 - Warriors vs. Pacers
2:00 - Heat vs. Jazz
3:00 - Hornets vs. Nuggets
4:00 - Lakers vs. Rockets
5:00 - Nuggets vs. Magic

Brantley ranked #2 in 1A poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school basketball poll of the season last week, and ranked second in Class 1A were the Brantley Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs, of Coach Tony Stallworth, owned a 6-1 record at the time of the rankings, and were behind only (7-1) Notasulga in the prep poll.

Class 1A
1 - Notasulga (7-1)
2 - Brantley (6-1)
3 - Alabama Sc. for Deaf (12-0)
4 - Spring Garden (11-2)
5 - Courtland (13-1)

Go Tigers!

Kinston's Rhoades named state's "Coach of the Year"

The Birmingham News released its 1997 "All-State" High School Volleyball Team recently, with two members of the Kinston Lady Bulldogs earning All-State honors, and Coach Amelia Rhoades being named the state's "Coach of the Year."

"I was in complete shock when told of being named the coach of the year for the entire state," said Rhoades. "It is unbelievable that a coach at a tiny school like Kinston would be named the coach of the year with all those outstanding coaches at the other schools in the six classifications. It is truly an honor, and an honor which I am extremely proud to have received."

"It is always nice to receive an honor," added Rhoades, "but this honor has to be shared by all the girls that have played for me over the past twenty-five years. We have all worked hard to try and make Kinston the best in volleyball, and it took more than one coach to help the school finally reach that goal this season."

Coach Rhoades led the Lady Bulldogs to 47 wins in the '97 season, and upped her career win total to 408. Kinston's win in the 1A state tournament marked the first time in over a decade that a public school had taken home the state championship in the 1A ranks.

"One of the highlights of winning the state tournament for me was the fact that my two daughters were on the team," added Rhoades, a 1965 graduate of Kinston High School. "Suzanne and Tiffany were both members of the team, and it was special to be able to share the excitement with them."

Another highlight for Coach Rhoades and her team came when the Lady Bulldogs neared Kinston on their trip home after winning the state championship.

AMELIA RHOADES

"When we got to C.C. Bess' grocery store, we saw someone had made a banner out of cloth with 'Welcome Home Class 1A State Champions' on it," said Rhoades. "From there about 30 carloads of people escorted us into town with the sirens and horns blaring. I think that will be something the kids will never forget."

Named to *The Birmingham News* "Class 1A All-State" team were Kinston's Tiffany Rhoades, a junior, setter/hitter, and Allie Sumblin, a junior, setter/hitter. Making the second team was Kinston's Suzanne Rhoades, a senior, outside hitter.

HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JAN.15
Ariton at Kinston (B,VG,VB) 4:30
Coffee County Junior High Tourney, in Elba:
4:00 - Dauphin-Kinston winner vs. Enterprise girls
5:00 - E'prise-Elba winner vs. New Brockton 8th grade boys
6:00 - Enterprise vs. Dauphin 9th grade boys

FRIDAY, JAN.16
Hillcrest at Elba (B,VG,VB) 5:00
Zion Chapel at Houston Academy (B,VG,VB) 5:00
New Brockton at G.W. Long (B,VG,VB) 5:00
Frisco City at Brantley (B,VG,VB) 5:00

SATURDAY, JAN.17
Coffee County Junior High Tourney, in Elba:
11:00 - 8th gradeboys championship
12:00 - 9th grade girls championship
1:00 - 9th grade boys championship
Brantley at J.F. Shields (B,VG,VB) 5:00

TUESDAY, JAN.20
Elba at Goshen (B,VG,VB) 5:00
Houston Academy at Kinston (B,VG,VB) 4:30
Luverne at New Brockton (B,VG,VB) 4:30
Zion Chapel at Ariton (B,VG,VB) 5:00
Brantley at Pleasant Home (B,VG,VB) 5:00

Roundball Round-Up

Brantley rallies to down Luverne 57-48

The Brantley Bulldogs outscored Luverne by 14 points over the final two-minutes of play last Friday night to claim an exciting 57-48 win over the Tigers. The highly-ranked Bulldogs trailed 36-34 at the half and were behind by five points with 2:14 left in the game, but scored sixteen straight points to take command and grab the win.

Demario Wiley scored 15 points to lead Brantley, while Lucius Hill added 12 points, 12 rebounds and 3 blocked shots, and Earl Tillis scored 10 points. Mel Willis scored 12 points to lead Luverne.

Bulldogs gun down Georgiana 69-55

The Brantley Bulldogs upped their record to 6-1 last Monday night with a convincing 69-55 win over the Georgiana Panthers. The Bulldogs got off to a slow start against the Panthers, but got double-digit scoring from five players to pull out the win. Lucius Hill scored 17 points and grabbed 8 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Earl Tillis scored 13 points, Demario Wiley scored 12 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, Eric Tillis scored 12 points and T.J. Austin added 10 points.

New Brockton sneaks past Luverne 30-28

Josh Lewis hit a twisting lay-up with only :02 left on the clock to lift the New Brockton Gamecocks to a 30-28 win over the Luverne Tigers. The Gamecocks owned a 12-8 lead at the half as both teams used a deliberate offense in an attempt to get good shots, and then scored late to take the win. Jason McKenzie scored 8 points and Kellen Cole added 7 to lead (8-7) New Brockton, which improved its record to 2-1 in the area with the road win.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks upped their area record to 2-1 with a 45-34 win over the Luverne Lady Tigers. The score was tied at the half, but the Lady Gamecocks limited Luverne to only two points in the fourth quarter to pull away and claim the win. Erin Barr scored 13 points to lead the (6-6) Lady Gamecocks, while LaSanta Cole added 12 and Dawn Owens scored 11.

Gamecocks upset by Goshen Eagles 59-56

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 13-point third quarter lead evaporate under a Goshen Eagle rally Thursday night as the Eagles rallied to defeat the Gamecocks 59-56, in overtime. The Gamecocks owned a 43-30 lead early in the third quarter and appeared in complete command, but Goshen used a 20-2 run in the second half to send the game into overtime and then posted the important area win. Josh Lewis scored 21 points to lead the (8-8) Gamecocks, while Kellen Cole added 14. Also scoring for New Brockton were Jason McKenzie 7, Jason Allums 6, Jason Evans 5, Pate Harrison 2 and Robby Kinsaul 1. Averick Rogers scored 17 points for the (4-4) Eagles.

The Lady Gamecocks saw their area record slip to 2-2 with a 48-29 loss to the Goshen Lady Eagles. LaSanta Cole scored 13 points and Dawn Owens added 10 to lead the (6-7) Lady Gamecocks, while Erin Barr added 4 and Katori Jones scored 1.

New Brockton surprises G.W. Long 52-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks rebounded from Thursday night's disappointing loss to Goshen by stunning the highly-ranked G.W. Long Rebels 52-44, Saturday afternoon in New Brockton. Jason Allums hit a long three-pointer with :07 left on the clock to send the game into overtime tied at 41-41, and the Gamecocks took charge from there to post the big upset. Josh Lewis scored 19 points and Jason Allums added 12 to lead New Brockton, while Ben Moates led the Rebels with 19.

The Lady Gamecocks saw their record slip to 6-8 with a 45-31 loss to G.W. Long. Dawn Owens scored 15 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brandy Trawick led Long with 20 points.

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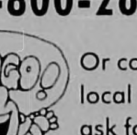

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Jonathan E. Lashley and wife, Melanie Lashley, to First Federal Bank, a Federal Savings Bank, on the 27th day of October, 1995, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, in OR Book 3-A, page 372, said mortgage being transferred and assigned to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation (formerly known as Chemical Residential Mortgage Corporation) by instrument recorded in OR Book 5A, page 338 in the aforesaid Probate Office, the undersigned Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, as transferee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama, on the 5th day of February, 1998, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point where the West line of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 19, T3N, R20E intersects the centerline of Coffee County Road 474; thence in a Easterly direction along the centerline of Coffee County Road 474; 790.5 feet to a point; thence S 2 degrees 26 minutes E 40.0 feet to the South R.O.W. of said County Road 474 and the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 2 degrees 26 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N 87 degrees 34 minutes E 210.0 feet to a point; thence N 2 degrees 26 minutes W 210.0 feet to the South R.O.W. of Coffee County Road 474 thence S 87 degrees 34 minutes W along the South R.O.W. of said County Road 474; 210.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said property being located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, Section 19, T3N, R20E and containing 1 acre more or less.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Annette Cameron and Leslie D. Cameron to Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an officer of the United States of America dated the 26th day of August, 1994, and recorded in Mortgage Book 324, page 128-131 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama, said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee, or its permitted successors and assigns, on behalf of Vendee Mortgage Trust 1995-1, by instrument recorded in Misc. Book 72, page 105-106 of said Probate Court records, notice is hereby given that the undersigned as holder of said mortgage will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the 29th day of December, 1997, at the front door of the Courthouse of Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama, Edwards Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, the following described real property in the County of Enterprise Division, Coffee County, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

Lot 5, Block E of Seventh Addition to Valley Hills Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 135, Probate Office, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, LESS AND EXCEPT the following described parcel of land: A triangular shape parcel of land, lying on the west side of Lot 5, Block E in the Seventh Addition to Valley Hills Subdivision, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said lot 5, Block E; thence S 3 degrees 07' W along said Lot 5, Block E, for a distance of 195.7 feet to the Southwest corner of said lot 5, thence N 89 degrees 44' E along the south boundary of said Lot 5 for a distance of 18.0 feet; thence N 2 degrees 08' W for a distance of 196.2 feet to the Point of beginning.

This conveyance is subject to all easements, restrictions, rights-of-way, mineral and mining rights and other matters of record recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

The public sale provided for hereinabove was postponed on December 29, 1997, by public announcement being made during the legal hours of sale before the Courthouse door, City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama. The foreclosure sale described hereinabove shall be held on January 19, 1998, during the legal hours of sale in front of the Courthouse door, Coffee County, Alabama.

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ESTATE OF
NELL ROWE EDMONDSON
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PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Robert Paul Edmondson
Personal Representative 1-8,15,22chg

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Rankin Construction Company Inc., Contractor, has completed the Contract for Alterations and Additions to Zion Chapel High School, New Brockton Elementary School, Kinston High School and New Brockton School for the Coffee County Board of Education Elba, Alabama. PSCA Project No. S016/X023 Project No. 9705 for the State of Alabama and Coffee County Elba, Al., Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Barnes & Ritchie Architects PC 207 Westgate Parkway, P.O. Box 804 Dothan, Al. 36302.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of January, 1998, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Mary Eunora B. Cooper,
Personal Representative
1-15,22,29-chg

Woodrow Wilson said his earliest memory was of a passerby shouting that Lincoln had won the Presidency and war would soon follow.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Elba Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public meeting at the Elba City Hall on Thursday, January 22, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. to hear a request from L.M. Burch to rezone property belonging to him from R-1 to B-2. The property is located on the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Alabama 203 Bypass and is described below.

A parcel of land lying in and being a part of the East One half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 5 North, Range 20 East and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block "A" of Kennedy Estates Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 80 in the Probate Records office of Coffee County, Alabama, and being a point on the North right of way line of Taylor Mill Road and run thence North 50 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds West along said North right of way line for a distance of 119.8 feet to a point on a highway right of way widening; thence North 4 degrees 58 minutes East along said highway right of way widening for a distance of 116.7 feet to a point on the East right of way line of Alabama Highway 203; thence North 45 degrees 16 minutes East along said East right of way line for a distance of 339.0 feet; thence North 38 degrees 05 minutes East along said East right of way line for a distance of 15.0 feet, thence South 1 degree 13 minutes West for a distance of 239.2 feet; thence South 38 degrees 37 minutes West for a distance of 260.1 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 1.35 acres. 1-15,22chg

ESTATE OF
FANNIE LOU WILSON
DECEASED
PROBATE COURT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of December, 1997, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jim M. Wilson
Personal Representative 1-8,15,22chg

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Anna Edmondson

A-B HONOR ROLL

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B HONOR ROLL

4th Grade

Jetta Bush

Gospel Concert & Barbecue planned by Andalusia Kiwanis

There will be a free **Gospel Concert** at the Kiwanis Community Building on the Southern Bypass in Andalusia on Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Featured singers will be The Melody Boys Quartet of Little Rock, Ark., and the Ainsworth Family of Andalusia.

For more information contact Don Cotton at 334/222-6120.

There will be a **Barbecue** on the same day and time, with Mt. Zion United Methodist Church selling plates for $5.00. Plates will be ready at 5 p.m.

For more information on the BBQ plates, contact Sandy Baker at 222-9089.

A guide to news and features from the University of Alabama at Birmingham Media Relations

Kids Get Arthritis, Too

As many as 285,000 children suffer from juvenile arthritis, a painful, sometimes debilitating condition. "People don't expect to see arthritis in young adults, much less in children," says Louis Heck, MD, UAB rheumatologist and director of a clinic for children with juvenile arthritis. A child with arthritis might find climbing steps, throwing a ball, opening a door, or even walking very difficult or impossible. Although there is no cure for JA, early diagnosis and proper treatment can prevent significant disability in later years. March 2-8 is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week.

Making Urban Schools Better

Many inner city school children are confronted daily with poverty, violence, inadequate housing and broken families, which can have a devastating impact on learning. Educators at UAB have created the Urban Education Initiative to better prepare teachers to work in inner city schools, says Cecilia Pierce, Ph.D., coordinator of UAB Urban Education. "These problems are found in many schools, even in rural areas, but the problems are often magnified in the urban schools. We are studying how poverty and other problems affect learning. If we can develop methods that improve learning in the urban schools, then we can apply it to other schools."

A Pinch of Salt

The cure for a major cause of serious birth defects would fit in a teaspoon. "That's all the iodine a human needs in a lifetime," says endocrinologist Constance S. Pittman, MD. About 1.5 million of the world's people live in regions where iodine has been leached from the soil, placing them at risk for miscarriages, mental retardation, cretinism, dwarfism, and other health problems. Iodine deficiency can be easily remedied by supplying iodized salt. While China and India have passed laws requiring iodized salt, the problem still plagues underdeveloped countries around the globe.

Coffee County Schools Menu
Jan. 19 - 23, 1998

BREAKFAST
Monday - Lee/King Holiday
Tuesday - French Toast, Jelly or Syrup, Ham, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit, Sausage & Gravy, Grits, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH
Monday - Lee/King Holiday
Tuesday - Beef Vegetable Soup, Sausage Pizza, Okra, Steamed Broccoli, Half Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Steak Fingers, Hot Dog, English Peas, Chilled Fruit, French Fries, Rice, Rolls, Milk
Thursday - Fried Chicken, Burrito, Lite Potato Salad, Blackeyed Peas, Banana Pudding, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Friday - Baked Ham, Taco Salad, Green Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Turnover, Rolls, Milk

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COFFEE COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE NEWS

Sandra Coffey-Extension Coordinator

Recipes to try

You may want to reduce the fat in some of these recipes. These are old favorites and might give you some new ideas in serving your New Year's meal.

A meal of ham, blackeyed peas, turnip greens, and cornbread has become a New Year's tradition. Here is a complete menu that includes all these favorites.

Baked Ham Slice
Saucy Turnip Greens
Blackeyed Peas with Rice
Southern Cornbread
Chocolate Pecan Pie

Baked Ham Slice

1 (3-1/2 - 4 lb.) ham slice, about 2 inches thick
1/2 cup apple juice or cider
1/4 cup maple-flavored syrup
1/4 teasoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard
Dash of ground cloves

Place ham slice in a 12x8x2-inch baking dish. Combine remaining ingredients, and pour over ham slice. Cover and bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes or until tender. Serve with drippings, if desired. Yield - 8 servings.

Saucy Turnip Greens

2 lbs. fresh turnip greens with roots
3 cups water
1/2 cup onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 slices bacon
1 Tbsp. all purpose flour
3/4 tsp. sugar
2 Tbsps. vinegar

Pick and wash turnip greens. Peel turnip roots, cut in half. Combine greens, roots, water, and salt in a large Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer one hour or until greens and roots are tender.

Drain greens, reserving 1 cup liquid. Set aside. Cook bacon in skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon, and set aside. Saute onion in drippings until tender. Add remaining ingredients, stirring well. Spoon mixture into 1-1/2 qt. casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Garnish with reserved bacon. Yield: 6 servings.

Chocolate Pecan Pie

2 (1-oz.) squares unsweetened chocolate
1/4 cup coffee
2 Tbsps. butter or margarine
4 eggs
1 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup sugar
1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell
6-8 pecan halves

Combine chocolate and coffee in a medium saucepan; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until chocolate melts. Remove from heat, add butter. Stir until butter melts; cool.

Combine eggs, syrup, and sugar; beat until light and fluffy. Gradually stir into chocolate; stir in pecans. Pour into pastry shell; garnish with pecan halves.

Bake at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until filling is set. Yield: 1 9-in. pie.

Blackeyed Peas with Rice

2 slices bacon
1 medium onion, chopped
1 (15-oz.) can blackeyed peas, drained
1 (14-1/2 oz.) can stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 cup cooked regular rice
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Cook bacon in a large skillet until crisp; remove bacon, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Crumble bacon and set aside.

Saute onion in drippings until tender. Add remaining ingredients, stirring well. Spoon mixture into 1-1/2 qt. casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Garnish with reserved bacon. Yield: 6 servings.

Southern Cornbread

2 cups self-rising cornmeal
1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup shortening, melted
1-1/2 cups buttermilk

Combine all ingredients; stir well. Grease an 8-inch square baking pan, heat in a 450° oven for 3-5 minutes or until very hot. Fill immediately with cornmeal mixture. Bake at 450° for 25-30 minutes. Yield: 9 servings.

Stan Windham-County Extension Agent

Farm news from Stan

UNDERSTANDING SOILS AND FERTILITY

It doesn't matter where you live in Coffee County or the surrounding Wiregrass area; whether you grow things in your yard, such as flowers, trees, shrubs; or farm thousands of acres, you must do one thing to have successful crops or landscapes - that is manage your soil and fertility.

I have found that in working with farmers and homeowners many of the problems they encounter are due to soil management and also a lack of understanding of soil management.

Naturally, farmers do a much better job in understanding and managing their soil than many homeowners mainly because their living depends on it. In the next few paragraphs I would like to talk about some terms you may encounter in reading or dealing with the soil in your particular situation and explain these terms so that you might better understand soil management.

One term you will hear quite often in the southeast part of the nation is **acid soil**. This is the soil that has a pH below 7. Seven on a pH scale is considered to be a neutral point. Therefore most crops, especially legume type crops such as soybeans, peanuts,and clovers, do not thrive in severely acid soil.

Most homeowners and farmers need to maintain a soil level of around 5.8 or better up to around 7.09 to have success growing plants and crops in Coffee County.

The most practical range seems to be from about 5.8 to around 6.5. To try to lime your soil to get it anyhigher than this many times costs more than it will return.

Another term you will hear is **alkaline soil**. We do not have a problem with this anywhere in the Wiregrass that I know of. This is opposite of an acid soil. This soil has a pH value greater than 7.0 and particularly above 7.3 on the pH scale. We should not ever have to worry about this particular problem in our area.

Another term you hear a great deal about and many homeowners are concerned about is **aeration**. This is a process by which air in the soil is replenished by air in the atmosphere.

In a well-aerated soil the soil air and the atmosphere above it are similar in composition. Poorly aerated soils have a much higher percentage of carbon dioxide and a lower percentage of oxygen. Most soils that have this problem is found in yards with a heavy thatch content or a very heavy clay content where the soil is tight and doesn't allow a lot of water or air movement in it.

Fertilizer is another term that most folks are familiar with. There are basically two types you can get: one is an organic fertilizer and the other is inorganic.

Organic is simply manure and is not readily available to a plant. Organic fertilizer must first be broken down by the bacteria in the soil to where it can be utilized by a plant.

Inorganic **fertilizer, on the other hand, such as is bought in bags from various stores, is readily available to** the plant once it dissolves or gets into the soil.

Fertilizer analysis is another common term and something many of you may use but not understand.

For example, a fertilizer with an 8-8-8 analysis contains 8 percent nitrogen, 8 percent available phosphoric acid or what some people call P_2O_5 and 8 percent water soluble potash or K_2O.

Some will even contain some minor elements and they will be listed on the fertilizer bag. This would also be true if you have a 6-12-6 fertilizer -- it would be 6 percent nitrogen, 12 percent phosphorus or P_2O_5 and 6 percent potash or K_2O.

Still another term you hear quite often here in the southern part of the state due to our heavy clay base is **hardpan**. Basically this is a hardened or cemented layer below the surfaceof the soil.

This won't affect a shallow root crop in many cases, but shrubs, trees and field crops will be greatly affected by a hardpan, and it should be broken up to have any success in growing whatever you have planted.

Organic matter is simply plant and animal material that is in any stage of decomposition or, in other words, rotting plant and animal material.

Organic matter is important to the nutritional level of a plant for holding water in the soil and providing some kind of structure or stability to the soil you are working in.

Many homeowners will buy some form of manure or peat moss and all they are really buying is partially rotted organic matter.

These are just some of the terms you may encounter if you are an avid landscaper or gardener, and of course all farmers are familiar and interested in these terms.

Hopefully, by understanding some of these basic terms when you read a soil test report, crop manual, newspaper or magazine article, or any such item that might contain information such as this, you will better understand it.

If you have any questions related to soil management, soil fertility, or any such item as this, you can contact not only us at the Extension Office (894-5596) but also the Natural Resource Conservation Service (894-5581) located in the same building as we are in New Brockton.

Call us - we will be glad to help you.

HARVESTING TIMBER AND INCOME TAX

In Coffee County many landowners are becoming more and more interested in harvesting trees on their land. Some of this is due to increased timber prices, CRP trees that have matured, and just a new awareness as to the benefits of managing the timber on their land.

Many landowners with small woodland holdings are often unaware of certain provisions in federal tax laws that can affect their tax bill. This is because most small woodland owners make infrequent timber sales and don't keep up with changes in tax laws.

One thing you can do once you decide to cut timber is to pay a visit to your accountant who can help you determine your possible tax responsibility. For example, if you harvest timber and you receive $50,000 for it, it can take up to half of it to regenerate the forest, pay various debts, and pay your taxes.

You might ask how the accountant will know about your tax without the timber being sold. Before you cut, have the timber cruised by a professional who can give you a good estimate as to what your timber is worth. You can then take this figure to your accountant who will help you determine possible taxes on this money.

Landowners who are considering future sales of timber should always consult a qualified tax consultant. Landowners should also consult some kind of expert about inheritance taxes and estate planning along with the timber cutting.

This can be important if you feel your heirs will have to pay inheritance tax. To help pay those taxes it may be better if the timber is sold by them rather than by you.

Inheritance tax experts can help you determine the best time to sell the timber as it relates to inheritance taxes and your overall estate planning.

When selling timber, most of the things you must do relating to taxes are easy and not a problem. It is simply one area that you need to cover before you sell your timber.

Let me suggest the following schedule of events that may help you as it relates to taxes and timber.

1. Get a qualified cruise of the timber.

2. Consider how you will market the timber and handle the sale. You may want to use a forestry consultant to handle all the details yourself, but line this up prior to issuing notice that you are going to sell the timber.

3. Do not send out notices to just a few people; send notices to a large area of timber buyers. You never know who is going to give you the best price.

4. Contact your tax consultant and talk over the tax situation relating to inheritance, estate planning, and what you will have to pay upon sale of timber.

If you have any further questions concerning timber management, please feel free to give us a call at 894-5596 or the Coffee County Forestry Commission at 894-6734. Staff at either of these offices will be more than happy to give you advice as it relates to timber sales.

Angela Hughes- County Extension Agent

Feeding wild birds can be joyful

FEED BIRDS THIS WINTER

While birds will visit feeders year-round, more people choose to feed during fall and winter months when food is more limited.

Choose your feeders based on the birds you wish to attract. Covered platform feeders will allow several birds to feed at one time and may be favored by larger birds such as cardinals and blue jays. Hanging feeders with perches are more attractive to smaller birds such as goldfinches and chickadees. Don't forget suet feeders for those birds that aren't attracted to seed feeders.

Keep all feeders clean. Wash regularly with a soap and water solution; rinse thoroughly. Wipe perches and seed ports with a soapy solution using a clean damp cloth to remove the soap, or use a mild bleach-and-water solution daily. This will help prevent diseases from spreading among the birds at your feeding stations.

Remember different birds prefer different types of seed. Sunflower seeds will attract many types of birds, but why not try offering some special treats as well. Finches love tiny thistle seeds, and most songbirds prefer black oil sunflower seeds.

Some birds enjoy fresh fruits; you can offer wedges of orange or apple occasionally. Cracked corn can be a real treat for many birds, including morning doves.

Whatever seed you offer at your feeders, make sure it is fresh, dry and free of mold; moldy seed can make birds sick. Also, it should be free of trash. Trash, such as stems or leaf parts, can clog tube feeders.

Don't worry about sand, dirt or small pebbles you may find mixed with feed. This "grit" helps toothless birds grind their food.

Crushed eggshells added to feed do the same thing, and also can provide additional calcium to a bird's diet. This is especially important prior to the early spring nesting and egg-laying season.

Be sure to provide birds with a water source in addition to food this winter. Whether you use a bird bath or a simple plastic pot saucer, be sure to replace the water regularly with fresh.

A MEAL CHANGE

For something different after the holiday meals of turkey, ham and all the rich foods, try - potatoes. You might be surprised to discover the many ways a potato can turn from being dull and tasteless into a tasty meal by itself.

Potatoes can be boiled, steamed or baked. One medium-sized potato provides 50 percent of the recommended daily allowance of Vitamin C, and more potassium than a banana. They are also packed with complex carbohydrates.

Potatoes can be divided into two categories: waxy and mealy. Mealy potatoes crumble or fall apart when you cook them -- they have a dry, crumbly texture. The Russet is an example of a mealy potato.

Waxy potatoes are moister in texture and keep their shape when cooked. Round red and long white potatoes are in this category.

So instead of turning down potatoes for a meal, try one of these variations.

•If time is against you, try this speedy idea. Cook frozen hash browns according to package directions. Top with fried eggs and Parmesan cheese.

•Top a baked potato with low-fat or non-fat yogurt. Season with a sprinkle of nutmeg.

•For an easy side dish, quarter small red or white potatoes and place in a pan with a little olive oil. Cook until tender. Before serving, season with dill and salt.

•Marinate 2 cups of chopped fresh vegetables (broccoli, carrots, onion, zucchini) in 1/2 cup of bottled low-fat Italian dressing. Spoon over split and fluffed baked potatoes.

•Leaving the shell intact, scoop out the inside of a hot baked potato and mix it with diced ham, shredded cheeses and minced chives. Spoon the mixture back into the shell. If necessary, reheat in the microwave before serving.

Richard Petcher
County Extension Agent

Home gardening tips

HOME GARDENS

It is not too early to start making preparations for your spring garden. If you have not soil tested, this is the first thing I would do so that you can get your report back. If you need lime, you can apply it before you break your garden.

Some people think they do not need to soil test a small garden. A small garden needs soil testing the most because you are expecting it to produce at its best, and you must have your soil fertility right for it to do this.

You can pick up soil testing supplies at our office in New Brockton or at some agribusinesses throughout the county.

GARDENING TIPS FOR JANUARY

There are several things you can be doing in January.

Fruit and Nuts - Set out apples, peaches, pears and grapes. Start grafting pecans. Prune dormant trees.

Shrubs - Plant shrubs and trees, including broadleaf, narrowleaf, and deciduous. Graft camellias. Spray all deciduous shrubbery with a dormant spray to control diseases and insects. Spray when weather is on warming trend.

Lawns - Soil test before setting up fertility program.

Roses - Visit nurseries and garden centers to select varieties. Start planting.

Annuals and Perennials - Plant hardy annuals.

Bulbs - Late plantings of Dutch bulbs will flower if planted now. Lilies of all types, except Madonna, may be planted. Check stored bulbs and discard rotten ones. Make indoor plantings of amaryllis, callas, and gloxinias.

Miscellaneous - Prune winter-damanged limbs. Give houseplants a bath in lukewarm water to remove dust. To keep poinsettias that have finished flowering, turn pots on their sides and let them dry completely. Cut them back lightly. Keep in a temperature of 55-60 degrees F.

Vegetable Seed - Plant hardy vegetables, root crops, roots and tubers. Plant lettuce, cabbage and broccoli in cold frames.

Vegetable Plants - Set out cabbage plants.

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Traditional MLK Day celebration held in New Brockton

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

The cool January morning (temperature in the mid-40's)with a brisk northerly wind blowing in new Brockton, AL did not deter the 70 to 80 individuals' celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Celebration of the late Dr. King's birthday has become an annual event in the small town centrally located in Coffee County.

BEGINNING WITH A SONG... Martin Luther King Day celebrants, prior to beginning the march through downtown New Brockton, began the day's events by singing several songs.

Each year the event begins with a march from the vacant Warren Smith High School that was once an all-black school. This year was no different.

The small but enthusiastic crowd gathered at the school building which is located on a street now named in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

After singing several songs which were reminiscent of the 50's and 60's when Dr. King was leading marches throughout the country, the group proceeded up Martin Luther King Drive to Ansley Street and then down main street on to Church Street. The march concluded at Greater Springfield Baptist Church on East McGowan Street.

Those who could not walk road in a bus and cars following the marchers. Participants were both young and old.

One of the participants in the day's event was Charles Cole, principal of New Brockton Elementary School. He also serves as a councilman on the New Brockton Town Council.

Cole, a life-long resident of New Brockton, remembers when things were not always as they are now.

He stated that the struggle in human rights has come a long way but there is still a ways to go yet.

Cole commented that in a way, he is living Dr. King's dream. He is a principal of an elementary school, a member of the town council, and a leader in the community who is highly respected by all races.

MARCHING DOWN MAIN STREET...A group of 70 to 80 individuals march along main street in New Brockton in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Some walked while others rode in a bus and cars

The day's celebration concluded with an address by Rev. James A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary Baptist Church in Gordon, AL, and St. Peter Baptist Church in Abbeville.

Smith focused on the youth encouraging them to set their goal in life high. He told them to stay away from drugs and to hold the family in high esteem.

He challenged the adults to set a good example for the youth to follow.

Elba's Native Son Bob Inman featured speaker at chamber's annual banquet

The annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet is scheduled for Saturday, January 24, 1998.

The guest speaker for the event will be novelist and screenwriter Robert "Bob" Inman.

Inman is a native of Elba where he began his writing career in junior high school with his hometown newspaper, *The Elba Clipper*.

He left a 31-year career as a television journalist in June of 1996 to devote full time to writing.

Inman's third novel, *Dairy Queen Days*, published by Little Brown and Company was released in March of 1997. His two previous novels, *Home Fires Burning* (1978) and *Old Dogs and Children* (1991) received the "Outstanding Fiction Award" from the Alabama Library Association.

Bob Inman

Home Fires Burning was named one of the best books of 1978 by The Philadelphia Enquirer.

Inman's Sunday column appears in *The Charlotte Observer*.

Inman began his career as a screenwriter by adapting his first novel as a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation. *Home Fires Burning* was shown on CBS-TV in 1989 and won a Silver Medal from the Houston Film Festival.

He has also written *A Son's Promise* (ABC, 1991), *Cries from The Heart* (CBS, 1994), *My Son Is Innocent* (ABC, 1996), and *Family Blessings* (CBS, 1997.

Inman's original screenplay, *The Summer of Ben Tyler*, was a "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentation on CBS-TV in December, 1996.

The banquet will be in the Commons Area of Elba High School beginning with a reception honoring the Chamber's officers, board of directors, past presidents and the guest speaker at 6:00 p.m.

Following the reception, at 6:30, there will be a book signing by Inman, and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Chamber's goal is to have more than a hundred members in 1998.

For additional information concerning the banquet contact the Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

NEWS BRIEF

Last Sunday morning, around 7:30 a.m., the Elba Nursing Home had an unusual and uninvited guest. An eight-point buck broke the glass in the front door of the main lobby, entered the facility, went down the east hall, and back out the main entrance. Fortunately, no one was hurt, including the deer, during the incident. The residents who were up at that time were in the main dining room. The screaming and hollering of the nurses scared the deer out of the facility before it could do any more damage.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Coffee County's new at-large jury venire law is not completely dead

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

The law passed by the Alabama Legislature creating a county-wide jury venire for Coffee County is not dead yet.

In November of 1997, the Alabama Supreme Court, after a lower court ruling had been appealed, ruled that the 1996 legislative act creating a county-wide jury venire was unconstitutional.

State Representative Garreth Moore had introduced the bill which created one jury pool for the county.

Under the present system, prospective jurors are drawn from two pools - one from residents of the Enterprise Division and the other from persons residing in the Elba Division.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor has requested the high court to review its earlier ruling.

According to reports, Pryor's appeal points out that the new law is not in conflict with any general law as outlined in the Alabama Code.

He further contends that transportation restrictions at the turn of the century requiring a divisional jury system no longer exists or is at issue in the present day.

The Attorney General points out that the divisional line between the Elba and Enterprise divisions is sometimes confusing to potential jurors as well as attorneys involved in court cases.

Pryor also contends that other counties (seven) with two judicial divisions could be affected by the court's ruling.

Three of the counties - Barbour, Jefferson and Tallapoosa - select jurors by divisions. The other four counties - Marshall, St. Clair, Talladega and Winston - select jurors using an at-large system.

No decision has been made by the Alabama Supreme Court as to whether or not it will honor Pryor's request for a review of its earlier ruling.

Three capital murder trials to be held in Enterprise within the year

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

Three men are soon to be tried on capital murder charges in Enterprise, AL.

Michael Lee Glass, 19, of Enterprise pled not guilty to capital murder charges in the death of Toniea Smith, 19, of Enterprise. He was arraigned last Thursday for the 1996 slaying .

Smith was an upstairs neighbor of Glass' in an apartment complex at 100 Anthony Circle in Enterprise. On the day of his arrest, Glass escaped from police; however, he was recaptured the following day.

Glass is scheduled to be tried during the March term of criminal jury court.

In an unrelated case, Marcus Antonio Jones, 26, of Daleville, AL and Kassey Bernard Reedy, 25, of Enterprise both pled not guilty to capital murder charges during arraignment proceedings on Thursday.

Both Reedy and Jones are charged with capital murder in the shooting death of Ronald Howard Jerkins in July of 1997.

Jerkins, an assistant manager at a local grocery store, was robbed and shot to death while making a night deposit at Regions Bank in downtown Enterprise.

Circuit Judge Robert Barr, who presided over the arraignment proceeding of Jones (Reedy waived his right to an arraignment and entered his not guilty plea by waiver), set no trial date for both men.

He stated that it would be 8 to 9 months before either could be tried due to the number of motions involved in a capital murder case.

Also, all three cases could be affected by the county-wide jury venire law which is still before the courts.

Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor has asked the Alabama Supreme Court to reconsider its ruling. The high court had ruled the law unconstitutional.

Should any of the three men be tried and found guilty of capital murder, they could face the death penalty or life in prison without parole.

NEAR MISSES FOLLOWED BY COLLISION ...A 1994 Dodge pickup truck driven by Robert Paul Taylor, 72, of Route 4 Box 120, Opp, AL left the roadway on Hickman Avenue in front of Dorsey Trailers. Elba police received a report at 5:29 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, that a wreck had occurred in front of Juliette's Restaurant. Upon arriving on the scene, officers found that the truck had struck a parked car belonging to a Dorsey employee, narrowly missed a utility pole, struck a trailer and finally collided with a U-Haul van. Taylor was still in the vehicle along with several containers of alcohol. He was taken from the scene of the wreck to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. He was later transferred to the hospital in Opp. Taylor was charged with DUI (driving under the influence). The accident was investigated by Sgt. Randy White and Patrolman Kevin Burke.

Jimmy Holley announces candidacy for District 31 Seat in state senate

by Marvin McILwain - Editor

Jimmy Holley of Elba, after a brief retirement, has once again entered the political arena.

Last Thursday, Holley announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the District 31 Seat in the Alabama State Senate.

The District 31 seat is presently being held by Republican Dwight Adams of New Brockton. The senate seat includes all of Coffee and Covington counties and portions of Dale and Houston counties.

Holley is no newcomer to politics. He is a conservative Democrat who is a 20-year veteran (served in the house of representatives from 1974 until 1994) of the Alabama Legislature.

In a surprise announcement on March 7, 1994, Holley told constituents that he would not seek a sixth term in the Alabama Legislature.

In announcing his candidacy for the state senate, Holley emphasized the need for economic development and the improvement of the state's business climate.

He also pledged his support to improve programs that serve our senior citizens and educate our children.

"Alabama is my home and is a wonderful place to live," Holley said. "However, our region of Alabama deserves a fair share of the progress being enjoyed by the rest of the state.

"Our roads, schools, and base infrastructure must be improved. The district needs strong, effective leadership in the Alabama Senate and my record in the legislature demonstrates that this is the kind of senator I will be."

"I still believe that Alabama can grow and prosper and I'd like to contribute to that prosperity," Holley added.

Presently, Holley is employed at Troy State University. He and his wife Mary have been married 30 years and reside in Elba.

Jimmy Holley

The Holleys and their two sons, John and Jason, are looking forward to the upcoming campaign.

NOTICE

Visitation restrictions are in effect at Elba General Hospital. Ellen Briley, Administrator of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, asks that there be NO routine visiting at the hospital and nursing home. "Due to the widespread cases of flu, pneumonia and respiratory infections in the community, we ask that visiors restrict their visits at this time," Mrs. Briley said. All visitors MUST report to the nurses' station for further instructions.

*** * HAPPENINGS * ***

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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, January 26, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

COFFEE COUNTY ADC MEETING The Coffee County Unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference (ADC) will meet Saturday, January 24, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. at the Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Elba. ADC memberships, voter registration, and voter up-dates will be addressed and rendered at the meeting. For additional information contact local Chairperson Beatrice Brooks at 347-0918.